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Subject: VP Dienststellen in LEIPZIG and SENFTENBERG

LAND SACHSEN

1. Three VP Dienststellen, each with a strength of approx. 1200 men, are located in the Northern part of LEIPZIG in the following barracks:

- i) Georg-Schumann-Strasse (former barracks of the 106 Artillery Regt.)
- ii) Viertelweg
- iii) Olbrichtstrasse.

One of these units is commanded by Wilhelm PIECK's son-in-law and another by VP Kommandeur NEUBERT, fnu.

2. About 7 April [] saw a VP unit of about 120 men marching towards WIEDERITZSCH with 4 light and 4 heavy mortars.

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Subject: VP Units - MUEHLHAUSEN
LAND THUERINGEN

Goermar Kaserne

1. The Goermar Kaserne is situated on the Goermar Landstrasse and consists of four large barrack blocks. This was formerly occupied by the 7th Bereitschaft but since about 20 April 1951 the 7th and 8th Bereitschaften have been amalgamated and are stationed together in the Goermar Kaserne. The 8th Bereitschaft was formerly stationed in B Lager in the Stadtwald in MUEHLHAUSEN. The amalgamated Bereitschaft is believed to be equipped with some tanks which are still parked in B Lager.

The members of the Bereitschaft are allowed out once a week; those who have relatives or close connections with Western Germany are in the process of being sorted out and discharged. The officer in charge of Transport is a Kommandeur Hans STEFEN, whose family lives in MUEHLHAUSEN.

There are at least two Russians, who wear Volkspolizei uniform attached to the Bereitschaft. They are thought to have the rank of Kommissar.

2. Wendewehr Kaserne

This is situated in the Wendewehr Str. and consists of one large barrack building. Before the end of April 1951 it had been handed back to the civilian authorities and was occupied by civilian families; however by 30th April 51 it had been re commandeered and is now occupied by a Grepo-Kommando of the Volkspolizei. This has a total strength of 48 - (42 Men and 6 Women) who all wear the letter 'G' on their uniform sleeve.

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Subject: VP Units - MUEHLHAUSEN
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1. Prior to February 1951 only two blocks of the Goermar Kaserne were occupied by the 7th Bereitschaft of the Volkspolizei; The other two main blocks were occupied by civilian families. The barracks is situated in the Goermarsche Strasse. In February the two blocks occupied by civilians were cleared and since then the 8th Bereitschaft formerly stationed in a hutted camp known as 'B' Lager (in the Stadwald to the west of the town) has moved into them.
2. The whole unit is thought now to be called the 8th Bereitschaft. The Commander of the unit is a certain Oberpolizeirat MORGENSTERN. The strength of the unit is over 1,000 men. They are equipped with rifles, machine carbines with drum magazines, heavy machine guns, 8 mortars and it is believed 8 tanks. The unit transport is composed of old German military lorries, some new Horsch Lorries, and a few German Military type Volkswagen. The strength of this transport is not known.
3. Approximately 120 men are seen to leave the barracks every morning equipped with small arms; these are thought to march out to a training area some way outside the town. No training has been observed with tanks, although tracked vehicles are heard driving at night.
4. Three or four houses in the Memel Strasse are occupied by officers belonging to the Bereitschaft in the Goermar Kaserne.

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Subject: VP Unit - MUEHLHAUSEN
LAND THUERINGEN

1. The Baracken-Lager ("B-Lager") in MUEHLHAUSEN is occupied by a VP unit known until the beginning of 1951 as the "7.Bereitschaft". At the beginning of 51 it received a new designation, details not known.
2. Since about the middle of April 1951 the unit has been equipped with Russian AFVs; types and numbers not known, but described as heavier than the T34.
3. The removal of felled timber from the woods adjoining the B-Lager has recently been accelerated. It is believed locally that the woods are shortly to be closed to the public, and to be used for training for the VP unit stationed there.

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Subject: VP Unit - GOTH A
LAND THURINGEN

1. One of the two barracks on the road to WALTERSHAEUSEN, the one nearer centre of the town (probably the one entered in the List of Barracks as the Polizei Kaserne) is occupied by a Volkspolizei unit which is undergoing infantry training. [redacted] there were several thousand men there, although the barracks consisted of only one very large block. They had only light infantry weapons.

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Subject: VP Units - ERFURT
LAND THURINGEN

1. Since the beginning of the year a VP officers' school has been accommodated in the Petersberg-Kaserne formerly occupied by the 5.VP-Bereitschaft. The pupils, 1000-1200 in number, are men who were selected for training as officers as the result of the examinations held in September and October 1950 after the completion of the VP training year. The barracks consists of 3 3-storey blocks and one large hut.

2. The former Panzer-Kaserne in the Steiger, ERFURT, is being rebuilt in great haste. Work commenced on it about 3 months ago. It is intended as accommodation to VP units. In the garages at the back of the barracks there is a Land training school for police dogs, where dogs are trained by male and female members of the VP for the use of the Grenz-Kriminal-polizei.

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Subject: Police dog-school in ERFURT
LAND THUERINGEN

1. Since April 51 there was a VP dog-school in the remaining workshops of the former Panzer-Kaserne on the Steiger in ERFURT. About 60 dogs are kept there.

2. At the end of March 51 work was commenced on the restoration of the destroyed barrack blocks.

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Subject: VP Officers' School in SONDRSHAUSEN
LAND THUERINGEN

1. A VP officers' school with a strength of roughly 5-600 is located in the former barracks at the south-railway station in SONDRSHAUSEN. On the 3 to the 4th of May a night exercise with an unknown number of men was carried out in the vicinity of RINGLEBEN. Weapons carried were machine pistols and MG 42's.

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SECRETPART "B"i) V.P. School in ZINNOWITZ/USENDOM (N55/I02).

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a) Location:

The school is located in the "PARK HOTEL" in ZINNOWITZ

b) Personalities:

The personalities of the school staff

Polizei-Meister Karl LEHMANN who is the political lecturer.

Polizei-Meister Kurt SCHRÖDER who is the weapon instructor.

Polizei-Meister SCHMIDT who gives theoretical instruction on frontier duties.

c) Strength:

The staff consist of five instructors and the school has accommodation for 40 students.

d) Courses:

The courses held at the school have a duration of three weeks and cover the following subjects:

Political Lectures on the history of the USSR., past history of LENIN-STALIN etc.

Weapon instructions (.08 pistol and rifle) theoretical frontier duties.

Driving instruction.

ii) Kommando STAHLERODE (N55/F63).

Kommando STAHLERODE is controlled by the Grenz Bereitschaft GREIFSWALD (N55/F72).

The strength of the Kommando is 36 men and 2 officers. The Kommando has 3 trained dogs at its disposal.

The [] leading personalities [] are:

Kommandoleiter - Kommissar EPPING

P.K. Leiter - Polizei-Meister BAUMGARD.

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The arms of the Kommando consist of .08 pistols and ex-German army rifles.

iii) Kommando SCHADELAND (T.0753).

a) Location:

The Kommando is billeted in two buildings located in the centre of the village, on the main road VALLUHN [redacted]

b) Strength:

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The strength of the Kommando is 36 men and 2 officers.

c) Leading Personalities:

The leading personalities of the Kommando are:

Kommandoleiter:

Polizei-Meister SCHIMMELMANN

P.K. Leiter:

Hauptwachtmeister HICKE

Gruppenführer:

Ober-Wachtmeister LESSENTIN

" " ENGEL

ENGEL is at present on a course in SANDERSHAUSEN V.P. Officers' School.

d) Arms:

The arms of the Kommando consist of .08 pistols and ex-German army rifles.

Theoretical instruction on the former German army machine pistol were given by a "Waffenmeister" of Kommandantur ZARRENTIN on two occasions during the past two weeks. [redacted]

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e) Duty:

The duties of the Kommandos consist of the checking of the identity of all persons encountered in the frontier area between SCHADELAND and VALLUHN (T.0652).

f) Russian Control:

The Kommando is inspected once a week by a Russian officer from ZARRENTIN. The Russian officer examines the weapons and equipment of the Kommando.

g) General information:

Leave:

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[redacted] all short leave for Grepo personnel coming under Grenzbereitschaft WITTENBURG (M54/T25) has been stopped as from 15th May, 1951 owing to the "Volksbefragung".

h) Sperrgebiet:

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[redacted] instructions issued to farmers forbidding them to let cattle graze on pasture land within 500 m. of the boundary were

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changed approximately a week ago.

Farmers are now permitted to let their cattle graze on pasture land situated 100 m. from the boundary providing they are in possession of a special pass issued by the Grepo Kommando responsible for the area. They must also hand in their identity documents to the Grepo when taking cattle to the pasture land and collect same on their return journey.

iv) Kommandantur ZARRENTIN (M54/T15).

The strength of the H.Q. staff at the Kommandantur is 30 men.

The leading personalities [] are:

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Kommandanturleiter = Ober-Kommissar SCHWIEGER

P.K. Leiter = Kommissar PIETSCH

Stabschef = Polizei Meister SCHIRMER

Leiter der Abteilung "K" = Hauptwachtmeister WOLF

v) Kommando VALLUHN (T.0652):

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[] the entire Kommando VALLUHN was relieved by fresh personnel on 14th May, 1951, when the original members were posted to other Kommandos under Grenzbereitschaft WITTENBURG (M54/T25).

This action followed the recent defection of 3 Grepo officers from VALLUHN.

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CONFIDENTIALPART "B"Subject: IV Volkspolizei Bereitschaft, HOHENSTUECKEN, BRANDENBURG

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1. Designation

IV Volkspolizei Bereitschaft HOHENSTUECKEN, [REDACTED]

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2. Location

The Bereitschaft is accommodated in the Kasernen on the outskirts of BRANDENBURG, 15 minutes walk NW from BRANDENBURG towards the steelworks BRANDENBURG. Attached at Appendix "A" is a rough sketch plan of the barracks.

3. Strength

The total strength of the Bereitschaft is estimated by source at 1200 - 1300. The Bereitschaft was known to be up to full establishment. There was an interchange of Meister and Unterkommissare who were posted, and EDJ youths due for training, but the numbers remained constant.

4. Organisation

The Bereitschaft was organised in 4 Kommandos, each of 5 Abteilungen and 2 Sonderabteilungen.

The first four Abteilungen were Infantry, the 5 Abteilung was a medium mortar Abteilung, the 1 Sonderabteilung - tanks and SP guns, 2 Sonderabteilung - artillery and A/tank guns.

Each Abteilung had a strength of 40 - 45 men and was divided into 3 Zuege and each Zug into 3 troops.

5. Personalities

Bereitschaftsleiter.....Inspekteur WAGNER.
 ME Leiter.....Pol. Rat. STEINER.
 Chief of Staff.....Inspekteur KRONE.
 Ausbildungsleiter.....Pol. Rat ALBERTS.
 Leiter of 3 Kommando.....Pol. Rat BURG.
 Deputy.....Pol. Rat RIGSCH.
 PK Leiter.....O/Kommissar WERNER.
 Deputy.....Kommissar SPIEGLER.
 Leiter of 1 Abteilung 3 Kommando..Kommissar NOWAK.
 Deputy.....Kommissar EHRHARDT.

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Leiter 5 Abteilung.....Kommissar GEHLERT.
 Deputy.....U/Kommissar EINMANN.
 FK Leiter.....Kommissar DIETRICH.
 Dep. FK.....U/Kommissar BENSEL.
 Ausbildungsleiter.....Kommissar ENOCH.
 Zugfuhrer.....U/Kommissar GOERBIS.

There were several Russians in Pol. Rat uniforms attached to the Bereitschaft. In the 1 Abteilung were 4 or 5 Wachtmeister who were Russians, though they spoke good German, who underwent the same training as the other VP. Their billets, however, were with the officers.

6. Vehicles

The Bereitschaft had a small vehicle park consisting of 8 - ZIS and 4 - Horch lorries. In addition there were 6 - 4 seater cars and one ZIS van.

7. Weapons

Each Abteilung had its own armoury [redacted] except of the 5 Abteilung which had 30 rifles, 3 medium 82 mm mortars and 3 or 4 pistols. All weapons were kept in the armoury and were issued only during training periods.

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There was a Waffen and Gernete Abteilung in the HQ building where stores of rifle ammunition, egg handgrenades and small square explosive boxes were kept. No weapons, however, but only spare parts were issued to the various Abteilungen on demand.

1 Sonderabteilung had 2 tanks, which source loosely described as T.34, one armoured car (Strassenpanzer) and 3 SP guns. [redacted]

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2 Sonderabteilung had 3 artillery pieces and 1 A/tank gun. No detailed description.

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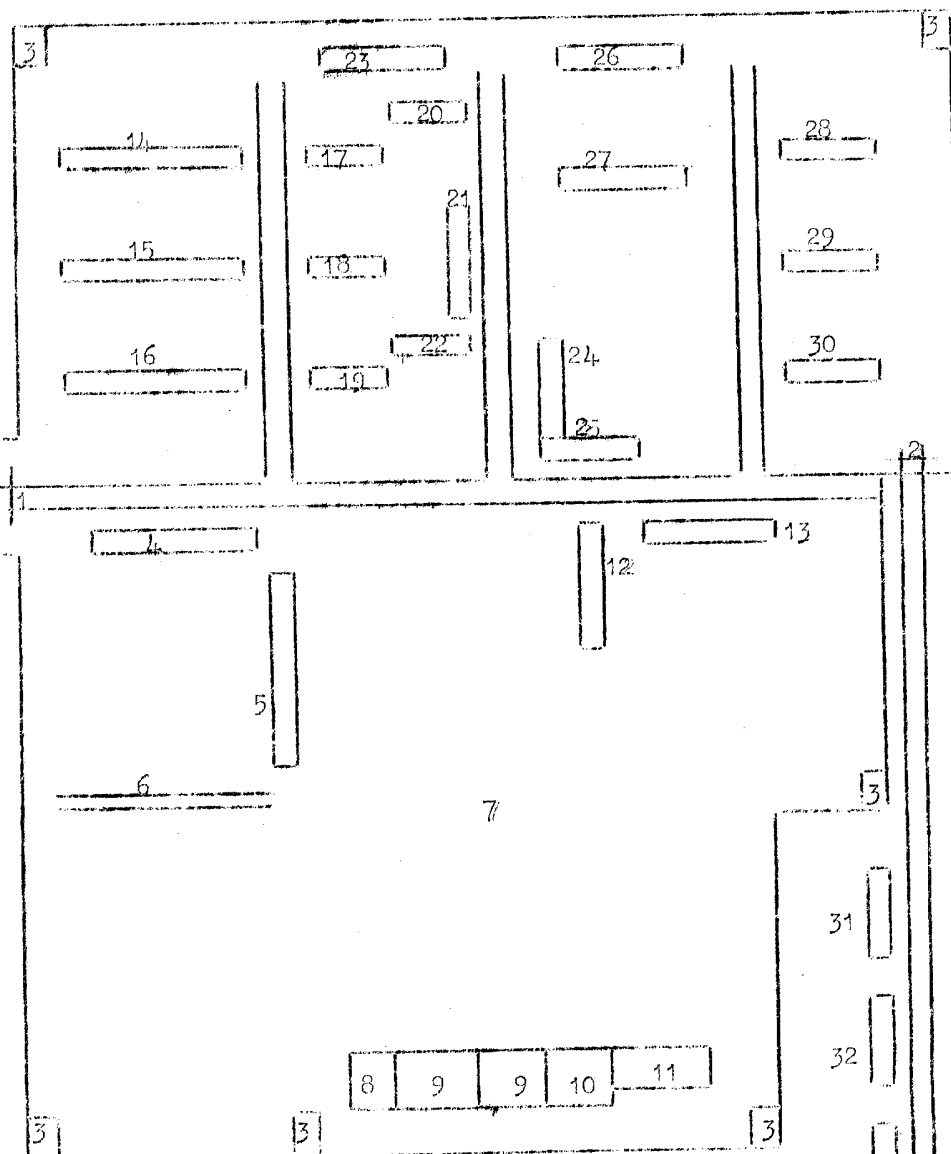
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Appendix "A"

Road leading to MUMTERWITZ



Road leading to BRANDENBURG

PART 'B'

VLD MEININGEN

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1. Unit was located at MEININGEN, MR 900220 Sheet 340. The barracks were located about 200 m from the railway station and opposite the RAW. Strength approx. one thousand men [redacted] (Most probably more than 1000 men because of the existence of another part of the unit located at SUHL).

2. Kommandeur: Name not known
Rank: Kommandeur (it is said that he had arrived from KOCHSTEDT in the beginning of Jan 1951.

Deputy and P/E: HEWALD, rank: Polizeirat (according to the signature shown on the informant's note of dismissal)

BALTHASAR, rank: Kommandeur, said to belong to the staff.

Rations: LUKAS, Pol. Meister.

The unit was subdivided into 3 Kommandos, each consisting of 5 Abteilungen, each Abteilung divided into 3 Zuege, each Zug divided into three groups.

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3. Personalities of the second Kommando:

Ausbildungsleiter:	Polizei Rat SCHUSSLER, Erich
F/K:	VORBAU, Oberkommissar
Kommandoleiter:	EINHEINIGEL, Oberkommissar
FDJ Secretary:	SOMTAG, Kommissar
Abteilungsleiter:	SOLSKI, Kommissar
Abteilungs F/K:	KOEHLER, Kommissar
Rechnungsfuehrer:	BRAUN, Polizeimeister

4. The unit was a battle unit of basic infantry character.

5. TRAINING

The normal daily detail was as follows:

Reveille 0600 hrs. then 25 minutes sports
 Spare time until 0730 hrs
 0730 - 0800 Newspaper reading and discussing under Abteilungs- F/K KOEHLER
 0800 - 1300 Training
 1300 - 1400 Lunch
 1400 - 1500 Rest
 1500 - 1700 Training
 1700 - 1800 Dinner
 1800 - 2100 Self training and self education
 2100 - 2300 Free time
 2300 Lights out

a) Basic drill

The basic drill was done according to a new type of Russian instructions:
 i.e. to slope arms: "Gewehr ueber" ; 4 movements with long sling
 "Das Gewehr ueber" 4 movements to the left shoulder
 with short sling
 "Stillgestanden" : Fists clenched
 "Ruehrt Euch": relax with feet still together

Furthermore training took place in
 Map reading (maps issued in 1938 were used)
 Compass reading
 Marching by compass bearing.

[] there were two different types of compasses, the
 A-compass and the B-compass but he could not give any explanation of the
 difference.

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b) Practical training - march security

March security and attack were taught. When attacking the Abteilung was
 advanced with two scouts, one of them on the left hand side of the road
 and the other on the right hand side. Then following the " Vortrupp".
 The Vortrupp normally consists of one Zug. The three groups of this Zug
 marched as follows:

Group No 1	on the left hand side of road
" 2	" right " " "
" 3	" left " " " behind group No 1

Men of the groups were spaced at a distance of 3 m. Each man's right shoulder
 in line with the left shoulder of the man in front.

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Group No 3 in touch with the Haupttrupp consisted of the other two Zuego and marched at a distance of about 500 m from the last man of the 3rd group.

6. Equipment of the unit

The equipment held in the unit was:

Model 98 k rifle and 44 (automatic 10 rounds)
Pistols Model 08 and 38. These pistols were collected in February
and pistols calibre 7.65 were issued instead.

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Hand grenades Model 24
No number of weapons could be given.
Zugfuhrer and higher ranks are in possession of 8 rounds for their
pistols. The sentries have 15 rounds each and the guard commander
16 rounds for his pistol.

7. RUSSIAN LIAISON OFFICER

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One Russian officer was with the unit: Name unknown, rank: Oberst, rank: Kommandeur, speaking German fluently, approx. 35 - 40 years of age, medium build, dark hair.

8. M/T

In the unit are held:

3 lorries, make: SIS
5 or 6 cars: 2DEW, 2Opel-Kapitan, type and make of the
rest unknown
2 motorcycles JAVA

9. MAIL AND COMMUNICATION

The following address was to be used:

Herrn
MEININGEN/Thueringen
Post Box 195 Y.

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PART "B"

1. Designation and location.

1 V.P. Dienststelle - SCHWERIN

Field Post number of Dienststelle - 1723

[] the designation 1 V.P. Bereitschaft STERN-BUCHHOLZ was changed to 1 V.P.D. - SCHWERIN some time during December, 1950. 50X1-HUM
The V.P.D. is located in STERN-BUCHHOLZ (J6/470575).

2. Strength, arms, transport and personalities.

The V.P.D. is an Infantry Unit about 1,900 men in strength and divided into

Staff H.Q.

4 Kommandos.

7 Sonderabteilungen.

Officers Cadre.

a) Staff H.Q.

The approximate strength of this Unit is 150 men including one M.T. squad, medical and signals section.

i) Arms:

All H.Q. personnel are armed with pistols .08

ii) Transport:

Transport allocated to the M.T. squad consists of 10 passenger cars, 15 'ZIS' lorries and one motor cycle.

iii) Leading Personalities:

V.P.D. Leiter	- Inspekteur THIELE, f.n.u.
P.K. Leiter	- Oberrat SCHRAMM, f.n.u.
2nd P.K. Leiter	- Kommissar WINDISCH, Wilhelm
FDJ Sekretär & P.K.	- Kommissar SLOPINSKI, Josef

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SED Sekretär	-	Oberrat CHRISTMANN, f.n.u.
Stabschef	-	Oberkommissar EHRHARDT, f.n.u.
Ausbildungsleiter	-	Oberrat JAHN, f.n.u.
Intendanturleiter	-	Oberkommissar GRÖHL, f.n.u.
Parteisachbearbeiter	-	Oberrat MÖLLER, f.n.u.

b) Kommandos.

The V.P.D. has four Kommandos, each of 260 men.

The Kommandos are divided into five Abteilungen, each of 65 men - the fifth Abteilung in each Kommando is a heavy Unit.

Each Abteilung consists of 3 Züge and each Zug of 3 Gruppen.

i) Arms:

The individual Abteilungen are uniformly armed throughout the Kommandos and are issued with the following weapons:-

1. Abteilungen	-	ex-German Army rifles.
2. "	-	M.P's type 3840.
3. "	-	M.P's type 44.
4. "	-	Light machine guns type 34.
5. "	-	4 medium mortars (calibre unknown).

ii) Transport:

Transport allocated to each Kommando consists of 4 'ZIS' lorries and 2 passenger cars.

iii) Leading Personalities:1. Kommando:

Kommandoleiter	-	Kommissar WENDT, f.n.u.
P.K.	-	Kommissar ENGEL, Josef

2. Kommando:

Kommandoleiter	-	Kommissar MICKSCHADT, Horst
P.K.	-	Kommissar PROCHNOW, Friedhelm
No. 1 Abteilungsleiter	-	Kommissar WERNER, Martin

3. Kommando:

Kommandoleiter	-	Kommissar RIEBER, f.n.u.
P.K.	-	Kommissar WINDISCH, Wilhelm
Lehr & Ausbildungsleiter	-	Pol.Rat ENCKELMANN, Hans

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No. 1	Abteilungsleiter	-	Kommissar GERHOLDT, Hans
No. 2	"	-	Kommissar BUTTMANN, Heinz
No. 3	"	-	Kommissar JUDES, Hans
No. 4	"	-	Kommissar BEUTH, Rudolf
No. 5	"	-	Kommissar DOLLAS, Rudolf

4. Kommando:

Kommandoleiter	-	Oberkommissar DÜRFEL, Max	
P.K.	-	Kommissar SCHÖLZGEN, Martin	
Lehr & Ausbildungsleiter	-	Kommissar SCHRODER, Bernhard	
No. 1 Abteilungsleiter	-	Kommissar LORENZ, Werner	
No. 2	"	-	Kommissar PFLANZ, Hans
No. 3	"	-	Kommissar JESSNER, Wilhelm
No. 4	"	-	Kommissar JESS, Wilhelm
No. 5	"	-	Kommissar JURECK, Werner

o) Sonderabteilungen.

The V.P.D. has seven Sonderabteilungen, each of 65 men. The personnel were selected from men who had served with a Kommando since December, 1949. No special qualifications for selection, such as exceptional political reliability, were required and the only condition for acceptance appeared to have been a minimum height of 1.80 m.

Personnel of the Kommandos are prohibited from mixing with the men of the Sonderabteilungen - this also applies to off duty hours - and were required to sign an order to this effect some time during February.

i) Arms:1 Sonderabteilung:

Six 88 mm. guns, said to be of Polish origin, were issued to the Abteilung towards the beginning of January. No small arms are issued to the men of the Abteilung.

2 and 3 Sonderabteilung:

Same as 1 Sonderabteilung.

4 Sonderabteilung:

One light howitzer was issued to the Abteilung during February, calibre and origin unknown. It is drawn by a 'ZIS' lorry. No small arms are issued to the men of the Abteilung.

5 Sonderabteilung:

Same as 4 Sonderabteilung.

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6 Sonderabteilung:

The Abteilung was issued with one T. 34 tank during March. 3 M.P.'s type 3840 are also held on charge by the Abteilung, no other personal weapons are issued to the men.

7 Sonderabteilung:

Same as 6 Sonderabteilung.

ii) Leading Personalities.

Abteilungsleiter No. 1	Sonderabteilung	-	Kommissar FRIEDRICH, Werner
"	No. 2	"	- Kommissar ZOLLNER, Hermann
"	No. 3	"	- Kommissar PHILLIP, Egon
"	No. 4	"	- Kommissar WEINITSCHE, Horst
"	No. 5	"	- Kommissar GEESE, Erwin
"	No. 6	"	- Kommissar NUMMERICH, Erwin
"	No. 7	"	- Kommissar KALLWEITH, Horst

d) Officers Cadre.

The strength of the Unit is about 180 officers, the majority of whom arrived last December from the Police School at ROSTOCK.

i) Arms:

Personal weapons issued consist of ex-German Army rifles, M.P.'s type 3840 and 44, and light machine guns type 34.

ii) Leading Personalities:

Chef	-	Oberrat WOJOWODA, Eberhardt
Lehr & Ausbildungsleiter	-	Kommissar ETMERICH, Herbert
P.K.	-	Oberkommissar EWERT, Ewald
Einheitsleiter	-	Oberkommissar RAUDIUS, f.n.u.

3. Training.

The training of the four Kommandos consists of general Infantry training including weapon instruction, firing practices, field training and twice weekly political lectures. Until the beginning of April no firing practices had been carried out with the mortars issued to the Kommandos and the howitzers of the Sonderabteilungen. The two T. 34 tanks have not so far been seen carrying out tactical exercises.

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[] it is generally assumed by the men that manoeuvres will be held at V.P.D. level (including the Sonderabteilungen) during the autumn. Unit field exercises have so far been carried out at Abteilung level only. No combined V.P./Russian exercises have been held.

Practice alerts are frequently carried out at night. At the last stand-to the time taken by the V.P.D. including the Sonderabteilungen to parade outside their billets in full battle order was ten minutes.

4. Russian Control.

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[] Russian officers inspect the V.P.D. once a week. They are said to come from BERLIN and wear the uniform of a V.P. Oberrat or civilian clothes. When an inspection takes place the men normally parade outside their barracks and the Russians check uniforms, weapons and billets. [] there is no Russian officer permanently attached to the V.P.D.

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5. FDJ and SED Organizations.

The 26 Abteilungen (including 1 Staff H.Q. and 2 Officer's Cadre Abteilungen) are politically organized into FDJ and SED Grundeinheiten of which every man is required to become a member. The establishment strength of a Grundeinheit is that of the Abteilung. Twice a week 'home evenings' (Zirkel Abende) are organized in off duty hours and political lectures given by party functionaries. The present training directive of the Grundeinheiten is aimed at making every individual in the V.P.D. proficient to enable him to pass a political test by the end of June, which will entitle him to wear the bronze FDJ badge for 'good knowledge'.

6. Morale.

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a) [] the morale of the majority of the men had reached a particularly low ebb during March. The main reasons for this appear to have been too little time and opportunity for leisure, unpalatable and insufficient food which necessitates the spending of the greater part of the men's pay on additional food, too much time taken up by uninteresting political lectures.

b) 50 men, including several Hauptwachmeister, did not return to the Unit after their Easter leave. Officers who were sent out to find the men unsuccessfully tried to locate them in their homes.

c) The men have a maximum of three free evenings a week but are allowed to leave the camp only once every seven days. All public beerhouses and dance halls are out of bounds and V.P. personnel are permitted only to frequent State controlled shops and cafe's (HO. and Kommunale Wirtschaftsunternehmen).

7. General.

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a) [] recruits have been arriving at the camp at the rate of about 20 men per day since the beginning of March. The men are claimed to be volunteers and are required to sign a three year contract after a fortnights stay with the Unit.

Abteilungen which were below establishment strength were staffed with the volunteers until, presumably, they were brought up to strength by the end of March. Two or three independent Abteilungen, made up entirely of recruits and officered by personnel from the Officer's Cadre, were then formed.

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[] officers from the Cadre occasionally took part in V.P. recruiting drives in Land Mecklenburg.

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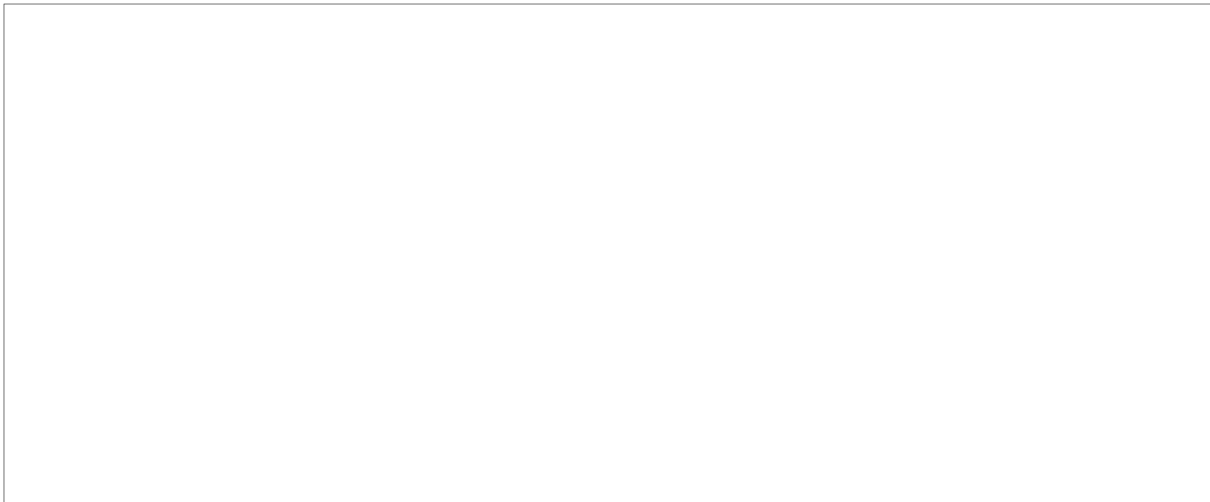
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b) All personally allocated weapons are put into a 'Central Arms Store' over the week-ends. The weapons are handed in individually on Saturday afternoons and are collected again on Monday mornings. Four armed sentries are on duty at the store.

c) No specialised or unusual equipment has been issued to the V.P.D. About 20 gas masks are held on charge of the 'Central Arms Store' and it is rumoured that rocket projectors will be issued to the Sonderabteilungen in the autumn. 50X1-HUM

d) Khaki ~~summer~~ uniforms will be issued shortly to the V.P.D. Two khaki shirts and a tie were issued to every individual at the beginning of the year. At present the majority of the men have one blue uniform and a denim suit. Personnel of the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Sonderabteilung are issued with tank combination suits made of black cloth.

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10. Personalities serving with G.B. BLUMBERG

- a) KRAUSE (Herbert) Rat. G.B. Information Offizier and M.S.S. representative attached to G.B. BLUMBERG, but believed to be responsible for G.B. TELTOW and G.B. FALKENSEE as well. Served with G.B. BLUMBERG since Sept. 1949. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- b) KRAUSE (f.n.u.) O/Rat. G.B. Leiter since January 1951. [REDACTED] Is believed to have served as V.P. Inspekteur on the Czech border. 50X1-HUM
- c) BORN (Kurt) Kommandeur. G.B. Leiter up to January 1951. [REDACTED] Was dismissed from V.P. - reasons unknown.
- d) COLLART O/Rat. G.B. P.K. Leiter since Sept. 1949. [REDACTED] Home town BERLIN.
- e) UHLE O/Rat. G.B. Stabschef since 1945. [REDACTED]
- f) HERZLIEB Rat. Leiter Abt "K" at G.B. Stab since 1949. [REDACTED]
- g) LÖBE Meister. Deputy Leiter Abt. K at G.B. Stab since Sept. 1949. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- h) PLOCHE Meister. G.B. Intendant since May 50. Served formerly with Kdtr SUMMT. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- i) KESSLER O/Komm. G.B. Instruktur since Sept. 1949. [REDACTED]
- j) TROPISCH Kommissar. G.B. Instruktur since April 1951. [REDACTED]
- k) HIEGERWALD Kommissar. SED Secretary at G.B. Stab. [REDACTED]
- l) BIRNBAUM Rat. Leiter Kdtr SUMMT since Sept. 1949. [REDACTED]
- m) LORENZ Rat. P.K. Leiter Kdtr SUMMT since 1949. [REDACTED]
- n) DONNER O/Komm. Stabschef with Kdtr SUMMT. [REDACTED] Joined G.B. BLUMBERG in Jan. 50.
- o) KATZMERSACK Kommissar. Leiter Kdtr SCHÖNEICKE since 1 April 1951. [REDACTED]
- p) REGER Rat. P.K. Leiter with Kdtr SCHÖNEICKE. [REDACTED]

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Ring Um BERLIN Grenz Bereitschaft BLUMBERG1. Breakdown

[] the following breakdown of G.B. BLUMBERG:- 50X1-HUM

- (a) G. Kdtr BLUMBERG (b) G. Kdtr SUMMT (c) G Kdtr SCHONEICHE

<u>Kommandos</u>	<u>Kommandos</u>	<u>Kommandos</u>
(1) SCHÖNELUNDE	(1) ORANIENBURG	(1) SCHÖNEICHE
(2) AHRENSFELDE	(2) HOHENNEUENDORF	(2) ERKNER
(3) LINDENBERG	(3) HOHENNEUENDORF	(3) STRAUSBERG
(4) ZEPFERNICK	(4) GROSS GLIEMICKE	(4) NEUENHAGEN
(5) HOBRECHTSFELDE	(5) SCHILDOW	(5) WOLTERS DORF
(6) BERNAU	(6) BARSDORF	(6) WERNSDORF.

2. Strengths

[] the exact overall strength for G.B. BLUMBERG as in March 1951, as 902. The establishment strength of the G.B. Stab was in March 1951, 35 and the actual strength 32. The actual strength of Kdtr Stab was 33 and the Kdo strengths varied between 25-35. 50X1-HUM

3. Training

Members of G.B. Stab received one morning's training per week (usually Saturdays), which included 2 hours P.K. indoctrination and 2 hours primary training and weapon training combined on Karabine 98 K, and pistol 08 and 7.65.

4. Kommando members each received one day's training per week, which included 4 hours P.K. indoctrination and 4 hours Primary training with K.98 K and Pistole 08.

5. Chain of Command

[] the Abt. G. Ring um BERLIN located in BERLIN WEISSENSÉE had been disbanded w.o.f. 1 January 51, and since that date all three G.B.'s belonging to R.U.B. have been controlled by the H/Abt Grenze with the H.V.D.V.P. BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

6. The only personality serving with H/Abt Grenze [] was Inspekteur MASEBERG who is now Deputy Head of H/Abt Grenze and served formerly as Head of Abt G (R.U.B.). Inspekteur MASEBERG used to visit G.B. BLUMBERG about twice a month up to March 1951. 50X1-HUM

7. Health Department at G.B. BLUMBERG (Gesundheitswesen)

[] the Abt. Gesundheitswesen at G.B. Stab was responsible for the medical standard of the G.B. and was manned by one H/Wm and one Wm. Their duties were to carry out cleanliness inspections at the Kommandantura and Kdos. Each Kdtr possessed a small sick bay with 11 beds and two medical orderlies. 50X1-HUM

8. [] a monthly sick return was sent by the Abt. Gesundheitswesen of G.B. to the H/Abt Gesundheitswesen of H.V.d. V.P. An immediate report on all cases of infectious diseases was sent by the G.B. to Kommissar KADARSCHINSKI of the H/Abt Gesundheitswesen. 50X1-HUM

9. Up to March 1951 the G.B. possessed one ambulance (Phänomen), which was held at G.B. Stab. [] a further three ambulances (all D.K.W.) were to be delivered to the G.B. in May 51 and would be allotted one per Kdtr. 50X1-HUM

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- q) ASSMANN Rat. Leiter Kdtr BLUMBERG since April 1951. [REDACTED]
- r) MARTIN Rat. P.K. Leiter with Kdtr BLUMBERG since Aug. 1950. [REDACTED]
- s) FIEDLER Kommissar. Leiter Abt. K. with Kdtr BLUMBERG since September 1949. [REDACTED]

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VPD (Bereitschaft) KOCHSTEDT1. Designation

VPD 1844.

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3. Strength

between 1,500 and 1,700 but was unable to estimate the number of new recruits.

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4. Organisation

Unit is composed of Staff; Officers course; MT Section; four Kommandos and seven Sonderabteilungen. the Nos I, II, and III Kommandos as Infantry ones, the No IV as Artillery and the 1 S/Abt as Recce, 2 S/Abt as Signals, 3 S/Abt as Engineers and the remainder AFV and Artillery.

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5. Heavy Equipment

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Seen:- 1 Tank (T.34)
 2 Recce Cars (Understood to be Russian;
 4 wheeler; 2 man crew;
 fixed turret with 2 ball
 mounted MG's)
 1 Carrier
 1 A/Tk gun (Russian, long barrel)

Note: all the unit Mortars are of Russian Manufacture.

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6. Other weapons

H.M.G's (Russian, on wheels)
 H.M.G's (German, on sledge)
 L.M.G's (Russian, drum type mag)
 L.M.G's (German MG 34)
 Machine carbines (Russian, drum type mag)
 -ditto- (German, MP 44)
 -ditto- (German, MP 38)
 -ditto- (German, MP 28/2)
 Rifles (Russian 10 shot models)
 Rifles (German 98K)

7. M.T.

About 12 lorries
 10 Cars
 and 20 M/c's

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9. Breakdown of an Infantry Kommando (III Kao)

is actually about 400. The Kommando is at present composed as follows:- the establishment

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Construction of obstacles Barbed-wire entanglements, tank traps, and laying mine fields. (No actual or dummy mines used only stones). Clearing of mine fields

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Wet bridging Pontoon drill and rowing practiced. Instruction given in the construction of temporary bridges and ferries using pontoons. (Practical work was done on land and only wooden construction used). Unit did however have 2 Pontoons and 1 Assault boat.

General Practice in handling conveyance roads and carpeting. Construction of trenches and command posts.

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13. Weapon training was done only on German weapons but the 3 S/Abt has had limited instruction on Russian small arms. This year policemen have fired only small bore rifles on two occasions.

Summer training camp

14. the III Kdo; two Abt of IV Kdo and the 2 S/Abt were due to move out to a camp in the WOERLITZ - QUELLENDORF area on 10th May 1951. These were to remain there a month after which they would be replaced by other sub-units.

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Morale

15. the majority of the policemen have no interest in the training mainly because many of the officers are ex Wehrmacht officers and are constantly driving the policemen on with threats of imprisonment. The OR's who get out of barracks only once every one or two weeks are infuriated when the officers parade up and down outside the barracks with their girl friends. every time someone is dismissed or dishonourably discharged the others say "I hope it will be my turn next", most of the unit only joined the VP to avoid mining uranium. The GROENWOHL letter to ADENAUER in which the military character of the VP was denied caused quite a lot of discussion and bewilderment.

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16. when it became known that the III Kdo was going under canvas 40 policemen immediately reported sick. In March 1951 the II Kommando refused to go on parade because of the brutality of the Kommando-leiter who was later posted. In April 1951 the IV Kommando refused to go on parade because 25 policemen - who had refused to do Kommando runner - had been arrested but were let out after their colleagues complained.

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17. There have been about 14 dishonourable discharges (10 at one time and supposed to have some connection with relations in the West) and about 45 dismissals this year.

18. Russian Advisers and HVA L.O's

two Russians in VP uniform at the location (one as Kdr and one as O/Rat). Senior HVA, L.O. is O/Rat SACHS (but he is assisted by an unidentified O/Komm. he went on three occasions to complain to SACHS about his Kommando-leiter. SACHS is reported to have stated that there had been a number of complaints and that he would probably be posted.

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19. Personalities

(a) ERNST rank Kdr. status Leiter; [redacted] believed former officer; took over unit in April 1951 when he is understood to have come from MUEHLHAUSEN unit (rumour was he came from the best unit to knock discipline into the worst); in a speech he made he said in order to bring the unit up to scratch he would rather punish 10 Officers than one OR. 50X1-HUM

(b) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(c) BURGHARDT rank Kdr; status FK Leiter; [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(d) DITTEL rank O/Rat; status Stabschef; [redacted]

(e) KRUEGER rank Kdr; status Ausbildungsleiter; [redacted]

(f) GAERTNER rank O/Rat; status believed to be training officer for heavy weapons; [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(g) STEINMETZ rank O/Komm; status 1st deputy Stabschef; [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(h) GRALL rank Komm; status 2nd deputy Stabschef; [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(i) BUSSACK rank O/Rat; status PKK; [redacted]

(j) ODE rank O/Komm; status Party Secretary; [redacted]

(k) RIEGE rank O/Komm; status FDJ Secretary; [redacted]

(l) TEICHFISCHER rank Rat; status Leiter (I Kdo); [redacted]

(m) BOEHME rank Komm; status PK Leiter (I Kdo) [redacted]

(n) WOLLMANN rank O/Rat; status Leiter (II Kdo) [redacted]

(o) [redacted]

(p) MEISEL rank O/Komm; status PK Leiter (II Kdo) [redacted]

(q) WAECHTER rank Rat; status Leiter (III Kdo) [redacted]

[redacted] fanatical communist.

(r) SCHWARZER rank Komm; status PK Leiter (III Kdo); [redacted]

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(s) HEINZ Kurt rank Komm; status Stabschef (III Kdo);

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(t) TEUSCHER rank O/Komm; status Ausbildungsleiter (III Kdo);

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(u)

(v) SCHULZ rank Komm; status Leiter 1 S/Abt;

(w) BORMANN rank Komm; status PK-Leiter 1 S/Abt

(x) WEGNER rank Komm; status Leiter 2 S/Abt;

(y) DICKMANN rank Komm; status PK Leiter 2 S/Abt;

(z) HIJNOL rank Komm; status Leiter 3 S/Abt;

(aa) BUSCHMANN rank Komm; status PK Leiter; 3 S/Abt;

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V.P.D. ERFURT (Auf der HEINLE) Mainly S/Abt 7 (A.F.V's)1. Designation

V.P.D. ERFURT.

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3. Location

The V.P.D. is located in the former German Infantry barracks in ERFURT (Auf der HEINLE), i.e., at the location of the former I V.P.B. ERFURT.

4. Strength and organisation

the overall strength of the V.P.D. as approximately 2,000 which were divided into:-

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(a) V.P.D. Stab - strength unknown

(b) Kommandos I-II-III (Infantry) each with an approximate strength of 250

(c) Kommando IV (Artillery) with an approximate strength of 250 - 260

(d) Seven S/Abtn - strengths unknown, except for S/Abt 7 which had a strength of 116

(e) Internal officers course - strength approximately 50

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6. Officers Internal course

a course for the surplus to establishment Unterkommissare and Kommissare from V.P.D. ERFURT had been held at the unit location since December 1950. The course was attended by approximately 50, and training is believed to have included Infantry, Artillery and A.F.V. training.

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7. Breakdown of S/Abt 7

the overall actual strength of S/Abt 7 as 116. the establishment strength to be the same. The 116 were broken down into:-

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(a) S/Abt Stab: with a strength of 6

O.C. Abteilungs leiter = O/Komm
2 i/c " P.K. leiter = Meister
i/c Training (Ausbildungsleiter) = Kommissar
Technical officer = O/Komm
Innendienstleiter = H/Wm
Clerk (Geschäftsführer) = Wm.

(b) L.A.D. (Instandsetzungstrupp) with a strength of 7

I. Truppleiter = Kommissar
6 Auto mechanics Wm - H/Wm.

(c) Drei Züge - each with a strength of 34
each Zug was divided into three Gruppen (1 : 10).

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8. Heavy equipment

[redacted] the S/Lt 7 only possessed one T.34 tank and one English type ammunition carrier known as "EDITH". The T.34 was delivered to the V.P.D. in early January 1951.

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9. Training given at S/Lt 7

[redacted] the 1951 training programme began on 2 January 1951. The A.F.V. training given in S/Lt 7 was entirely theoretical, the only practical given was a 1½ hours period of mounting and dismounting drill which was included in the primary training period - Training in the S/Lt 7 included the following:-

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- (a) A.F.V. Technical (Panzer Technisch) 10 hours weekly - on Russian T.34 and T.28 theoretical only - covering such details as overall length, width, height, weight, ability to travel through water etc.
 - (b) Theoretical training on the T.34 engine Type ZIGLES - S.B.T.E.R. Flieger V motor, 12 cylinder, 500 P.S.
 - (c) Theoretical parking of the T.34 in field and stationary parks. including the method of camouflage.
 - (d) Theoretical A.F.V. weapon training - on A.F.V. cannon (K.W.K.) calibre 7.62 length of barrel 3 m.25 on M.G. type T.T. 144 (no actual gunnery training was given).
 - (e) A.F.V. Tactics - theoretical including (i) A.F.V. assembly area, (Versammlungsraum), (ii) assembly point (Bereitstellungsraum), all at A.F.V. Zug level = 3 tanks. Further theoretical training was given on the A.F.V. in wooded areas, the A.F.V. in marshy areas and the A.F.V. in built up areas.
 - (f) Weapon training - covering the following German small arms M.G. 34, M.P. 44, M.P. 38, Karabine 98 K and Pistole 08 and 38.
 - (g) Elementary Wireless training - theoretical (with maximum 1 hour weekly) on description of wireless set type 10 watt short wave and the "Bord sprech Gerät" type unknown.
- [redacted]
- (h) Elementary Engineers training - how to overcome tank obstacles, fallen tree trunks, earth mounds and tank ditches up to 4 m wide.
 - (i) Primary training - Russian method which included one period of A.F.V. mounting and dismounting drill.
 - (j) P.R. Indoctrination - 10 hours weekly

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10. Intermediate tests

[redacted] the intermediate training tests, which concluded the first phase of the 1951 training programme, were held between 15 - 20 March 1951 and included the following subjects:

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| (a) A.F.V. technical | (b) A.F.V. tactical | (c) weapon training |
| (d) Signals training | (e) P.R. | |

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11. [redacted] questions in the Intermediate tests were:-

(a) A.F.V. Technical

- (i) describe the transmission (M.T.) of the T.34 (Kraftübertragung)
- (ii) state the name of the T.34 engine
- (iii) describe the diesel Injection pump
- (iv) give the number of gears in the T.34 gear box.
(4 and one reverse)

(b) A.F.V. Tactical

- (i) give the normal position of the Assembly point and how is it best chosen (Versammlungsraum)
- (ii) give the best position for the jumping off position (Ausgangsstelle) and how is it best chosen.

(c) Weapon training

- (i) give the length of the K.W.K. barrel (3 m 25 cm)
- (ii) describe the parts of and action of the K.W.K. Fallkeilverschluss (drop-block type breechblock)
- (iii) give the calibre of the T.34 cannon
- (iv) how much ammunition is carried for the T.34 cannon (90 rounds).

(d) Signals

Describe the wireless set 10 watt short wave and which types of valves are used in the set; [redacted]

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(e) Primary training

Drill a group of 9 men for 5 - 10 minutes.

12. Summer training camp

[redacted] certain component arms would attend a summer training camp in June 1951. [redacted] the location of the camp to be near WEIMAR [redacted]

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13. H.V.A. Liaison officer attached to V.P.D.

[redacted] one H.V.A. L/O attached to the V.P.D. ERFURT since at least December 1950. The name of the H.V.A. Liaison officer was O/Rat HANTRE; age about 35; was simultaneously H.S.S. representative at the V.P.D.

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14. Personalities serving with V.P.D. ERFURT (S/Abt 7)

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| (a) | HENNEBERG | O/Kommandant | Leiter S/Abt 7; [redacted] |
| (b) | HELMER (Gerhard) | Rat | former Leiter S/Abt 7 up to 1 April 1951; [redacted] |
| (c) | GRATTENBERGER | Kommandant | Ausbildungsleiter with S/Abt 7 since December 1950; [redacted] |
| (d) | HERZER | O/Kommandant | Technical officer with S/Abt 7; [redacted] |
| (e) | ZEDOW | Kommandant | Leiter Zug I; [redacted] |
| (f) | WARZINSKI | Kommandant | Leiter Zug II; [redacted] |
| (g) | SCHUEERHORN | Kommissar | Leiter Zug III; [redacted] |

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Subject: Volkspolizei Bereitschaft 1916 - GROSSENHAIN1. Location:

Huzarenkaserne East of Elster Werdaer Strasse, South of railway line.
MR: A.041158. [REDACTED]

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2. Identification:

Bereitschaft consisting of all arms under training.

Strength:

1,300 ORs (approx.)

270 officers (Meister and above) approx.

Source stated that the Bereitschaft was not up to strength.

Order of Battle

- (a) Bereitschaft Staff
- (b) Kommandos 1, 2 and 3 - Infantry
- (c) Kommando 4 - Artillery
- (d) 7 Sonderabteilungen consisting of:

[REDACTED] Motorised police, drivers, etc.
Signals
Mortar Section
Not known
A with HMG and one 8.8. cm AA piece
Engineers
APV Section

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- (e) Cooks, tailors, bootmakers
- (f) Ambulance detachment

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Part 'B'

Subject: ROZ Police - VP Grenzkommandantur WORBIS and
VP Grenzkommando's BOCKELNHAGEN and NEUENDORF

LAND THURINGENI. VP GRENZKOMMANDANTUR WORBIS

Location : WORBIS, Former Finanzamt building.

Personalities : Leiter : O/Komm. SCHMEISER
FK Leiter : Polrat GEBHARDT
Stabschef : O/Komm. SCHROEDER

No other details.

II. VP GRENZKOMMANDO NEUENDORF

Location : Three building in the north east part of the village
(C. 702206)

Strength : 32 - 35 men

Personalities : Kdo-Leiter : H/Wm. WUNDERLICH
FK Leiter : Komm. FRENTZEL

Weapons : Rifles '98k', plus pistols for Kdo-Leiter and Deputy

Patrols : a) NEUENDORF - GLASEHAUSEN
b) BOESECKENDORF - barrier IMBINGERODE and NESSELRODEN
c) BLECKENRODE - MAEUSEBERG
d) Sentry "Schlagbaum"

Patrols are relieved at 0400 hours, 1200 hours and 2000 hours. Extra patrols usually go out on Mondays and Fridays as the largest number of line-crossers are expected on those days. This is accounted for by the fact that many ROZ residents employed in the ROZ, return 'black' for week-ends.

The double sentry "Schlagbaum" is supposed to be relieved at the site, but usually the sentries leave the post first and meet their reliefs in the village.

Patrols are under orders not to approach the boundary nearer than 150 metres.

Liaison with Russians

: The patrol NEUENDORF - GLASEHAUSEN is under standing orders to report once during each tour of duty to the Russian Kdo in GLASEHAUSEN. On such occasions any line-crossers caught by the Russians are taken away by the patrol.

There is no telephone connection between the VP Kommando and the Russian Kommando.

Communications : The Kommando only has a telephone connection with the Grenzkommandantura WORBIS. There are no telephone connections for patrols or sentry posts.

III. VP GRENZKOMMANDO BOCKELNHAGEN

Location : A two-storey building (accommodation and office) and a single-storey building (accommodation only) in the

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Sheet 2III. VP GRENZKOMMANDO BOCKELNLAGEN (continued)

Location(continued) : northern part of the village, near the junction of the cart-track to STANGENBERG and the village street [redacted]

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Strength : 32 men

Personalities : Kommando-Leiter : Komm. SCHMIDT
: PK-Leiter : H/Wm. SCHNEIDER

Weapons : One rifle '98k' for each man, plus 5 pistols for the Kdo-Leiter, PK Leiter and three officials on duty.

Patrols : Four patrols constantly in operation. [redacted]

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Horses : Up to 1 May 1951 the Kommando had no horses, but it is believed that during the month the Kommando was due to receive 2 - 4 horses.

Next higher formation : Grenzkommandantura GUDERSLEBEN. No other details.

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Grenzpolizei: Central School in SONDERSHAUSEN. (Mainly the N.C.Os. Course (Unterführerlehrgang))

1. Designation

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the designation of the School as "Grenzpolizei Zentralschule SONDERSHAUSEN".

2. Postal Address

Subjects Name,

SONDERSHAUSEN,

Kurt HAVERMALZ Str., with the number 2 and the following additional letters to denote the Kampenien etc.; Stab = A, Kamp. I = B, Kamp. II = C, Kamp III = D.

3. Location

The School is located in the barracks in SONDERSHAUSEN, Kurt HAVERMALZ Str. i.e. in the H.Q. Staff building of the former Grepo training Bereitschaft SONDERSHAUSEN.

4. Strength, organisation and courses held

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the overall strength of the Central School as between 650 and 700 which was divided into the following:-

- (a) School H.Q. Staff (including guards) - with approximate strength 150.
- (b) Kompanie I - Officers course - ranks V.P. Kommissar to O/Rat. Strength 130-140 duration 1st February to 1st August 1951.
- (c) Kompanie II - N.C.Os'. course - ranks Wachmeister to Meister - strength 135 - 140, duration 1st February to 5th May, 1951.
- (d) Kompanie III - Anwärter course - ranks-only Anwärter, all of which were new recruits. Strength 130-140, duration 1st March to 1st July 1951.

5. Training given on N.C.Os'. course (Komp.II)

For training purposes Kompanie II with an approximate strength of 140 was divided into four Züge, each Zug being divided into four gruppen.

6. The training included the following subjects:

- (a) Political Indoctrination (normal P.K. Indoctrination).
- (b) Infantry tactics (elementary and called "Polizei" Taktik").
- (c) Grenzpolizei duties.
- (d) Criminology.
- (e) Weapon training.
- (f) Map reading.
- (g) Sport.

7. Infantry training: (approximately 8 hours weekly). Although the Infantry training given on the course was very elementary and only at Zug level,

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the infantry training was of the Russian method even though it did not include any indication of the three trench defence and attack system. The actual training only covered local defence and all out rush-attack, advancing in single file and in open formation, crawling and the use of camouflage etc.

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8. Grenz polizei duties. Included instruction on:

- (a) how to arrest and handle illegal line crossers;
- (b) how to search a person;
- (c) the use of weapons against illegal line crossers; i.e. after first warning to fire one shot in the air and then if still no answer to take aim;
- (d) how to construct both wooden and fox-hole observation posts.

9. Criminology. Including Penal Law (Straf gesetz) Paras 14, 163 and the Law for the protection of peace.

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10. Weapon training and firing practice. Including instruction on Karabine 98K, Pistols 08 and M.P.44. Firing Practice had been held once a month at the unit location and had consisted of three shots, (one lying with rest, one lying without rest and one sitting), at Ruiged target 100 metres distant.

11. Map reading. Included the historical growth of the Map (1:25,000 and 1:100,000 scale). The drawing of Topographical signs and the use of the German compasses, types A and B.

12. Sport. Included exercises on the parallel bars, runs of 3,000 metres, 1,000 metres and 100 metres.

13. Training general

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engineers' training had been arranged for the 1st N.C. Cs'. course but due to the acute lack of engineers' training material, the training has had to be postponed until the second course which is due to begin in early June 1951.

14. The N.C. Cs'. course was terminated by a 10 days final training test which covered all subjects and all aspects of the above-mentioned training.

15. Personalities serving with the Grepo Central Schule in SONDRSHAUSEN

(a)	FUCHS	Inspekteur	Head of Grepo Central School,
(b)	KADENBACH	Kommandeur	P.K. Leiter Central School,
(c)	POLENZ	O/Rat	Stabschef, with Central School,
(d)	HOEFMANN	Rat	Intendant with Central School,

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(e)	HOFFMANN	Rat	Personalchef with Central School,		50X1-HUM
(f)	LEWALD	Kommissar	F.D.J. Secretary,		
(g)	SCHIFFEL	O/Rat	Ausbildungsleiter with Central School,		
(h)	PREUSCHEL	Rat	Hauptfachlehrer in Criminology,		
(i)	FRIGWITZ	O/Komm.	Fachlehrer criminology,		
(j)	HEMPER	Kommissar	Fachlehrer criminology,		
(k)	LIGCKI	O/Komm.	Hauptfachlehrer in Infantry tactics.		
(l)	PFEIFFER	Komm.	Fachlehrer weapon training.		
(n)	GABEL	Rat	Hauptfachlehrer Map reading.		
(n)	RETZOLD	"	Hauptfachlehrer Grenzpolizei duties.		
(o)	MUSCHEL	Kommissar	Fachlehrer Sport.		
(p)	EICHHORN	O/Komm.	Leiter Kompanie II.		

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Subject: Personalities, Amtsgericht, LEIPZIG, Land SACHSENGeneral

1. The Amtsgericht in LEIPZIG has allegedly the highest proportion of non-SED judges in Land SACHSEN. It is subordinate to the "Hauptabteilung Justiz" in DRESDEN, which is a department of the Landesministerium.

Personalities

2. (a) Amtsgerichtspräsident RIEMANN (LDP)

whose only interest lies in keeping his position, and who is, therefore, susceptible to SED pressure.

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(b) Criminal Court Judges

Abteilungsleiter (since 29th January 1951) Volksrichter GOTTERT (SED)
(followed Volksrichter ACHTELIK (LDP).

Volkjurist KLOFFER (LDP)

Volksrichter AUSTEL "

" Frau LEUTHOLD (LDP)

" FISCHER (CDU) Thought to be unreliable, and is possibly a disguised SED man.

" BIEDEMANN (SED) A VVN member, and fanatical Communist. Is the only judge allowed to try MSS cases.

" NAUMANN (SED)

One other SED member, name not known.

(c) Civil Court Judges

Amtsgerichtsrat ENGELMANN (?)

Volkjurist Dr. HEILAND (SED)

" Dr. MAY (LDP)

" Dr. v. BOSE (non-party)

" Dr. VOLZ (CDU)

" Dr. BART (now believed to have been dismissed)

" Dr. STEINERT (?)

Volksrichter Dr. FRANK (LDP)

" LÄNGER (SED)

" GRAUL (SED)

" SCHREINER (SED)

" BERGWEILER (?)

Russian Interference

3. No instances are known of the Russians having interfered, either directly or indirectly, with the German courts. It would, however, have been possible for them to make their wishes known at high levels, and for these wishes to have been transmitted through the normal administrative channels as instructions from the H.Q. concerned.

4. No further information.

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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN ZONE PERSONALITIES - SED LANDESLEITUNG SCHWERIN
SED KREISLEITUNG SCHWERIN.

I. SED LANDESLEITUNG SCHWERIN

1. BUERGER, Kurt, ☐ *died 1951.* 50X1-HUM
1st Secretary of the Landesleitung,
took part in the KAPP Putsch in Bavaria 1920 and in the Spanish civil war.
He was appointed Landes secretary in 1946.

2. MEWIS, Karl, ☐ 50X1-HUM
2nd Secretary of the Landesleitung,
joined the youth organisation of the KPD in 1926, emigrated to Sweden
during the Nazi regime and fought in the Red Brigade in the Spanish civil
war. He came to SCHWERIN in 1947.

II. SED KREISLEITUNG SCHWERIN

3. SAPICH, Josef, ☐ 50X1-HUM
1st Kreis secretary,
is an old KPD member and worked in the ZKK before 1933. He emigrated to
the Soviet Union in 1933, was appointed Kreis secretary in 1948.

4. BACHMANN, Fritz, ☐ 50X1-HUM
2nd Kreis secretary and deputy of SAPICH,
was selected from the FDJ and appointed deputy in 1950.

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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN ZONE PERSONALITIES - SED MUEHLHAUSEN.

1. KRAUSE, Max, [] 50X1-HUM
 SED Kreis secretary, Kreis MUEHLHAUSEN
 is a miner by occupation - an old SED member and a convinced Communist.

2. STAVINGGA, fnu., [] 50X1-HUM
 is in charge of the personnel section (Kader Abteilung)
 refugee from upper Silesia and a former member of the Nazi party.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT KREIS MUEHLHAUSEN

3. MEIERHARD, fnu., [] 50X1-HUM
 is Landrat of the Kreis MUEHLHAUSEN, since 1948
 Informant was unable to supply further particulars.

4. WILHEIM, fnu., [] 50X1-HUM
 Deputy Landrat -
 is an old SED member - has joined the SED 1946 and is a fanatical Communist.

LANDESBEGLEITUNG THUERINGEN

5. SCHROEDER, fnu., [] 50X1-HUM
 is head of the ministry "LAND -UND FORSTWIRTSCHAFT" -
 an ardent Communist.

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RUSSIAN ZONE PERSONALITIES - SED HALBERSTADT

1. HEIDRICH, Rudolf, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
1st Kreis secretary, Kreis HALBERSTADT, appointed 1949 -
came from Czechoslovakia - was a long time in Russia - is said to be a friend
of Wilhelm TROCK.
2. Frau WUNDERLICH-PIETSCHEMANN, Anneliese, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2nd Kreis secretary
Frau W. is actually running the whole organisation of the SED HALBERSTADT
and is regarded as a most dangerous individual.
3. SEIFFERT, Alfred, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
in charge of the Organisationsleitung. Appointed 1949
a Czechoslovakian by nationality.
4. BOECK, Max, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
is in charge of the section "Schulung und Propaganda", appointed 49.
an ex-POW from Russia and was politically trained on several courses.
5. DANKWARTH, Frau., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
i/c of the personnel section -
has been living in HALBERSTADT for a long time. He is a trained SED functionary.
6. MEIER, Kurt, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
i/c Verwaltung und Finanzen, appointed 1951
No further particulars.
7. KURTH, Paul, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
i/c Literatur section - appointed 1949 -
is a political screener of the SED party within the Kreis HALBERSTADT and
the liaison official to the Laenderregierung.
He is an old Communist and acts also as informer of the SED.
8. MEIER, Heinz, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
i/c Kasse -
is an ex-POW from Russia and attended political courses at a party school
in MOSCOW.

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SUBJECT: SED KREIS HALDENSLIEBEN

1. FRANZEN, fnu., [] 50X1-HUM
1st Kreis secretary of the Kreis HALDENSLIEBEN since Feb 51.
He attended the Verwaltungsakademie at FORST ZINNA.
2. WALNEN, Arthur, [] 50X1-HUM
Head of the Kader Abteilung.
He was a lecturer of the SED party school at HALDENSLIEBEN. He is regarded as a convinced Communist and an old KPD member.
3. ROELLIG, fnu., [] 50X1-HUM
Head of the personnel section.
He was a former Kreisrat at HALDENSLIEBEN.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT HALDENSLIEBEN

4. HOLLATENDER, Albert, [] 50X1-HUM
Landrat of the Kreis HALDENSLIEBEN since 1.1.51.
He is an old KPD member and acts as informer for the Russians.
He was recently expelled from the SED and accused of being involved in illegal trading between Western Germany and the DDR.
5. WEHNER, Fritz, [] 50X1-HUM
Head of the department "Amt fuer Arbeit und Sozialfuersorge".
The political background was unknown to informant. 50X1-HUM

SUBJECT: SED HILDBURGHUSEN

[] the following personalities:

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1. LOESCH, Ernst, []
LOESCH was SED-Kreis Secretary and in charge of the Kreis HILDBURGHUSEN.
He arranged political courses and meetings of the SED party.
From 1939 to 1945 LOESCH worked as manager in the glass factory Hermann Jude, LICHTENAU. He was a member of the Nazi organisation "Deutsche Arbeitsfront". After 1945 he attended several political courses at the SED party school in BERLIN and is regarded as a convinced Communist

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LOESCH is supposed to be promoted to the SED Kreisvorstand in HILDBURG-HAUSEN. The present Kreisvorstand, Herr RECKNAGEL, will take over another task within the SED party.

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SUBJECT: SED CHEMNITZ

[redacted] the following personalities:

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1. BOEHME, Kurt, [redacted]
BOEHME was SED Kreis secretary.
BOEHME was sentenced by a Nazi political court to 8 years' imprisonment for being a member of the Communist party. After 1945 he was politically trained in MOSCOW. The SED party regards B. as a most reliable Communist.

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SUBJECT: MINISTRY FOR LAND-UND FORSTWIRTSCHAFT, ERFURT

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Hauptabteilung Forstwirtschaft:

1. Hauptabteilungsleiter KREUTZER, [REDACTED]
KREUTZER was a refugee from Eastprussia and joined the SED party 1948. He was not a convinced Communist and it was rumoured that he would be dismissed in the very near future.
2. Personalchef der Forstabteilung UNRUH, [REDACTED]
He is to be appointed as Minister for Land- und Forstwirtschaft. He is a convinced Communist.

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SUBJECT: SED NORDHAUSEN, SED ERFURT

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1. SEIGERS, Karl, [REDACTED] BLEICHRODE, Johann Sebastian Strasse.
SEIGERS worked in the Personalabteilung of the "Landesleitung der SED ERFURT". He was appointed secretary in 1949.
He was an old SPD member. He attended a course of the SPD Landespartei-schule, is a good propagandist and a convinced Communist.
2. SEIGERS, Irma, [REDACTED]
DFD Kreis secretary since 1945.
Fr. SEIGERS was the leader of a Communist Youth Organisation until 1933 and has joined the SED party 1945.

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SUBJECT: SED ALLEECK

1. DOERING, Richard, [redacted] secretary.
DOERING has been a member of the Communist party since 1932.,

2. ZUNKER, Hans, [redacted]
Chief lecturer of the Kreispartei-schule HUNNINGEN.

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ZUNKER was an ex-POW from Russia. He had attended several courses at a school in MOSCOW and is a reliable Communist.

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SUBJECT: LANDESREGIERUNG BRANDENBURG

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[redacted] the following personalities:

Ministerpräsident fuer Land Brandenburg: JAHN, Rudi
JAHN was [redacted] appointed as Ministerpräsident in June 1950.

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Ministry of the Interior (Innenministerium):

Minister LENTSCH

Deputy: Ministerialsekretär BECHLER, Bernhard

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Ministry for "Handel und Versorgung".

Minister: GROBEHL, G. was appointed Dec 1950

Hauptabteilungsleiter: Dr. SCHAUWMANN

Ministry of Economy (Wirtschaftsministerium)

Minister: PEPLINSKI

Department for "Erfassung und Aufkauf" : LEMKE -
appointed in 1949, was formerly employed in the Landratsamt STREMECK.

Department "Materialversorgung" (supply of raw material)

Hauptabteilungsleiter: KUEHNE

Department "Wirtschaftsplanung":

Hauptabteilungsleiter VOITE

Department "Industrie"

Hauptabteilungsleiter: BEHREND

Ministry for "Forst- und Landwirtschaft"

Minister: BESELER

Ministry of Finance (Finanzministerium)

Minister DALLMANN

Ministry for "Arbeit-, Sozialwesen, Gesundheitswesen" (Labour, Social-
welfare - Health)

Minister: Ingo von KOERBER.

Department "Gesundheitswesen"

Hauptabteilungsleiter: Dr. FIEDLER.

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SUBJECT: I. SED KREIS NIEDERBARNIM-BERNAU

1. BOJARSPKIN, Walter, [REDACTED]
is Kreis secretary of the Kreis NIEDERBARNIM since 1950-
he lives at BORGSDORF. He was a former SED member and joined the SED in 46.

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a trained Communist and a good propagandist.

2. MUELLER, Kurt, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
M. is the second Kreis secretary and deputy for a/m. He was 1st Kreis secretary of the FDGB in FRANKFURT/Oder and transferred to BERNAU in 1950 - said to be a convinced Communist.
3. HOWE, fnu., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
H. is 3rd Kreis secretary
He is a war invalid of the 2nd World War - politically untrained.
4. SCHULZ, fnu., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Sch. is also a member of the Kreis secretariate but informant did not know his function and political background.

II. KREISVERWALTUNG NIEDERBARNIM - BERNAU

5. PAULINI, fnu., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
P. is head of the Kreistag and head of the board of finance (Kreiskassiere since Dec 50.
P. is a member of the SED party and was Burgomaster at LIEBENWALDE until Dec 1950.
6. NEIE, fnu., (female), [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Frau N. is deputy of the Landrat and in charge of the Local Government Admin Section.
7. KUEB, Paul, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
K. is the first Kreis councillor and head of the department: Labour and Health (Arbeit und Gesundheit)
K. is a member of the CDU.
He is a watchmaker by occupation. Between Sept and Oct 50 was an official in the ZRK BERLIN (Zentrale Kontrollkommission, Abteilung Wirtschaft).
He was transferred to BERNAU and appointed Kreis councillor on Dec 21st, 50.
K. had denounced many of his party colleagues and is responsible for their arrest.
8. UTECHT, fnu., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
U. is 2nd Kreis councillor and head of the department of the interior (Innere Abteilung).
U. was burgomaster at SCHORNO until Dec 50. He is a member of the ODF (Opfer des Faschismus).
9. SCHLICHTING, fnu., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Sch. is head of the department Handel und Versorgung (Trade and supply) since Dec 50. Sch. is not a member of the SED party.
10. LANGNER, fnu., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
L. is head of the personnel section.
Informant could give no further particulars.

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11. GROEBL, G., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
G. is head of the ministry "Handel und Versorgung" (Trade and Supply) since Dec 50.
G. is a CDU member.

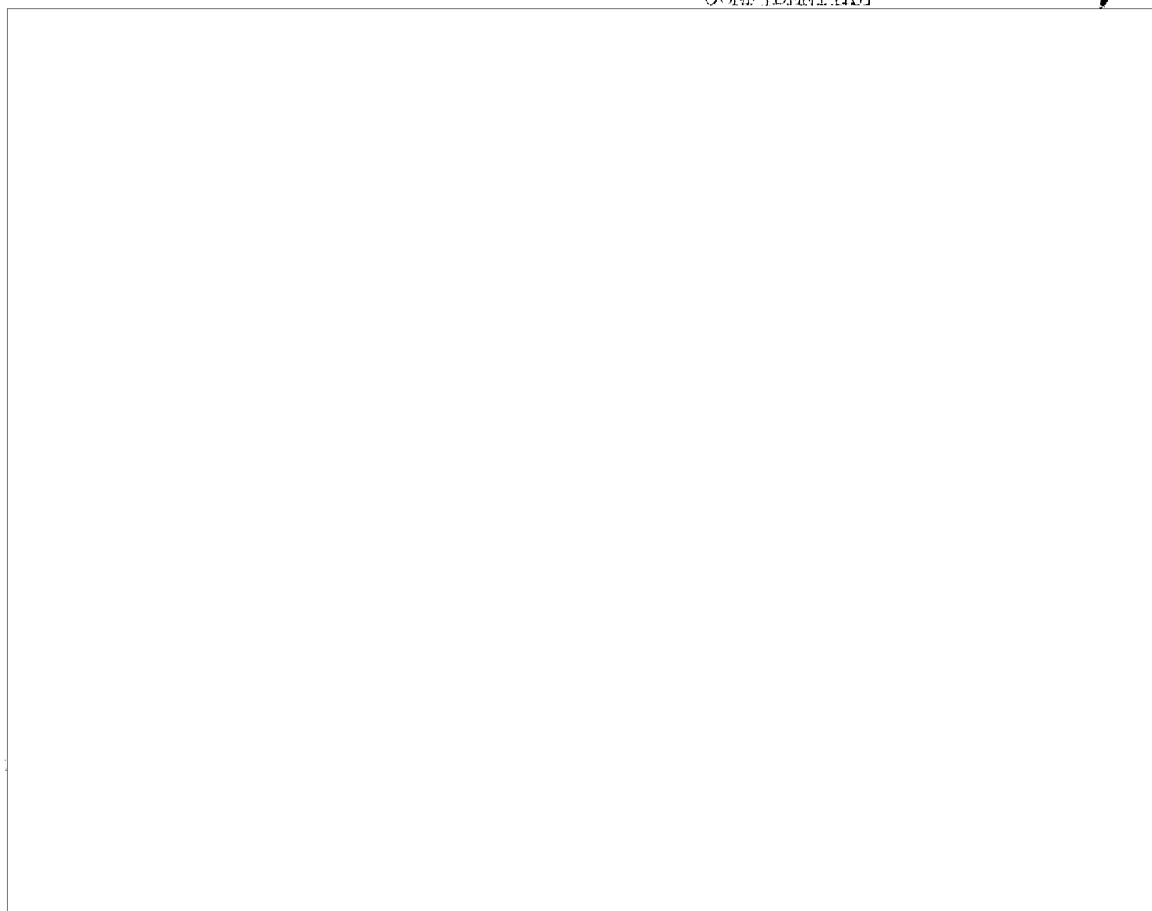
IV. LANDESVORSITZENDER FDGB

12. BOWBACH, fnu., [redacted] 50X1-HUM
B. is the leader of the FDGB within the Land BRANDENBURG.
B. is a fanatical and convinced Communist.

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SUBJECT: SED WOLFEN

1. KIPP, Otto, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 K. is SED Kreis secretary of Kreis BITTERFELD -
 was a former ex-POW from Russia and was appointed Kreissekretär 1950 -
 is a trained and convinced Communist.

2. HADKAY, Rudolf, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 is SED Kreisvorstand and burgomaster at HOLZWEISIG nr. BITTERFELD,
 was an old SPD member, joined the SED party and was transferred from
 DESSAU to HOLZWEISIG.

3. KERST, Helmut, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 he is head of the organisation department.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOLFEN

4. KERST, Fritz, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 He is burgomaster of WOLFEN,
 an old SPD member, illiterate but a convinced Communist.

5. HUNTLER, Otto, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 is head of the personnel section and of the trade union LGL
 an old SPD member.

6. STARNER, Otto, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 is head of the housing and quartering section -
 an old SPD member and joined the SED in 1946.

7. HOPPE, Josef, [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 He is head of the finance department
 a CDU member.

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LANDESRREGIERUNG SACHSEN/ANHALT
MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

8. BURGHAUSEN, Kurt, [redacted]
He is head of the personnel section

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He lived in WOLFEN and was transferred to the ministry of the interior in 48.

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9. FROELICH, Paul, [redacted]
He is head of the property control office (Schutz des Volkseigentums) -
was employed as mechanic in the dye works WOLFEN and transferred to the
ministry of interior in 1948.

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FDGB BUNDESVORSTAND BERLIN

10. BRANDSCHAEDL, Oskar, [redacted]
He is an old KPD member,
took part in the Spanish civil war - was SED Kreis secretary at WOLFEN until
1948 and transferred to the FDGB Bundesvorstand, BERLIN.

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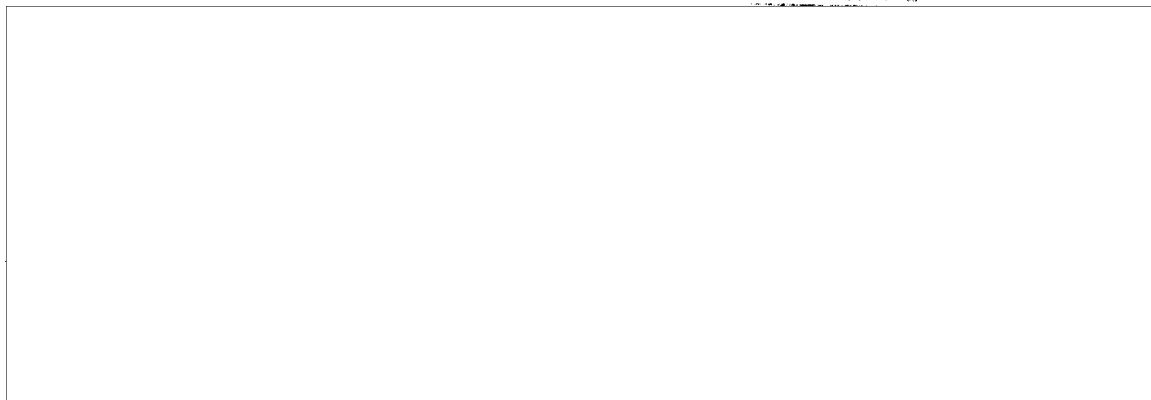
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1. KLEINERT, Fritz, [redacted]
KLEINERT was SED secretary of the Kreis QUEDLINBURG. KLEINERT was transferred
from STENDAL to QUEDLINBURG in October 1950. He is regarded as a convinced
Communist.

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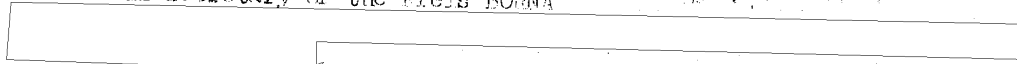
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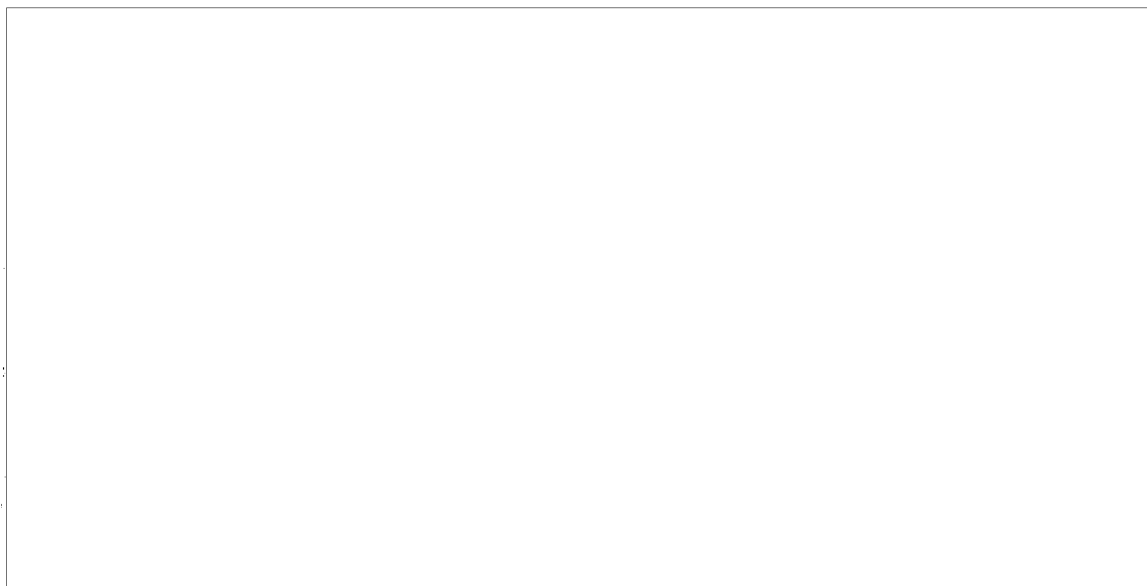
1. FLORRING, Kurt, [redacted]
SED Kreis secretary of the Kreis BORMA

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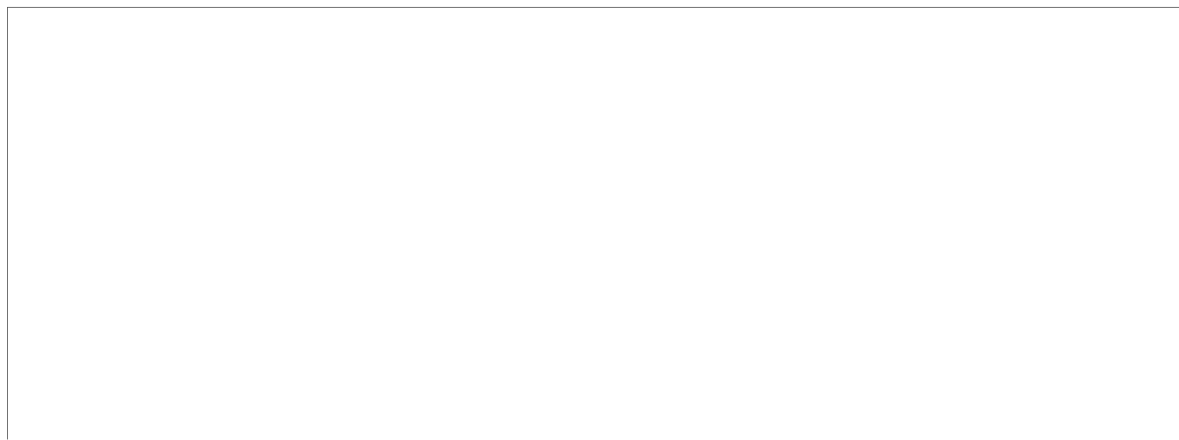


SUBJECT: SED MUEHLHAUSEN/Thueringen

1. KRAUSE, Max, [redacted]
SED Kreis secretary of the Kreis MUEHLHAUSEN/Thuer.
Political background - no information

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SUBJECT: SED GUESTROW.

1. RUNGE, Hans, [REDACTED]
SED Kreis secretary of the Kreis GUESTROW/Mecklbg.
Political background: RUNGE had been in Russia before 1933.

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SUBJECT: SED HALLE AND GARDELEGGENLANDESVORSTAND DER SED - HALLE

1. HENNIG, Arthur, [REDACTED]
HENNIG had been the chief lecturer and leader of the SED party school GA
LEGGEN until autumn 49.

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KREISVORSTAND DER SED - GARDELEGGEN

2. RANK, Walter, [REDACTED]
RANK is an old member of the KPD and a convinced Communist. He was appoint-
ed Kreisvorstand 1950. He is rude and unpopular.
3. KLUTKE, Bernhard, [REDACTED]
KLUTKE is in charge of the Organisation of the SED party with Kreis GAR
LEGGEN.
4. RICHTER, [REDACTED]
5. HEIN, [REDACTED]

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RICHTER and HEIN are responsible for the supervision of SED party members
and the political training.

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Subject: VI Bereitschaft KOCHSTEDT1. Location:

The Bereitschaft is accommodated in the former Flak Kaserne, in the Dessauerstrasse, KOCHSTEDT. The VP Offiziersschule is located in the same barracks.

2. Designation:

There is only one Bereitschaft in KOCHSTEDT now and it is known simply as Bereitschaft KOCHSTEDT: it has no serial number. Its official designation is "Volkspolizei Dienststelle 1844".

3. Function and Origin

The Bereitschaft, which assembled in KOCHSTEDT in December, consists of one Artillery and three Infantry Kommandos and seven Sonderkommandos. The personnel came from several different Bereitschaften, but the great majority of those in the Infantry Kommando came from Bereitschaft 7, DESSAU-NORD, and those in the Artillery Kommando came from Bereitschaft 3, LEIPZIG.

4. Strength and Organisation:

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The total strength of the Bereitschaft, in the Personalabteilung at the end of January, was 1,782. This was made up of three Infantry Kommandos (Kommandos 1, 2 and 3), each of about 250 - 300 men; one Artillery Kommando, (Kommando 4) of 270 men; seven Sonderkommandos, each of about 100 men and the Bereitschaft Staff of at least 120 men, including signals and M.T. sections, and mess, medical and clerical staffs.

Kommandos 1 - 3 were divided into 4 Abteilungen, each of which was further divided into 5 or 6 Gruppen of 9 men.

Kommando 4 had a staff of about 30 and 4 Abteilungen of 60 men. Each Abteilung had a Führungszug of about 10 men and 2 Züge each of 25 men.

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The Kommando Staff (Stabszug), was made up as follows:

- Kommandoleiter
- Deputy Kommandoleiter
- Stabschef
- Immendienstleiter
- Geschäftsführer
- SED Sekretär
- PDJ Sekretär
- 3 - 4 Rechner (Calculators)
- 4 Aufklärer (Observers)
- 6 Telephone and Radio operators
- 2 Drivers
- 3 Stokers
- 2 Clerks

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Each Abteilungsführungszug consisted of:

Abteilungsleiter
 Deputy Abteilungsleiter
 Immediendienstleiter
 Clerk
 Driver
 Radio Operator
 1 or 2 Aufklärer
 1 or 2 Rechner

5. Personalities:Bereitschaftsstab:

Bereitschaftsleiter:	VP Kommandeur FISCHER, fnu
Bereitschafts PK-Leiter:	VP Kommandeur BORCHARDT, fnu
Chief of Staff:	VP Oberrat TITEL, fnu
Ausbildungsleiter:	VP Kommandeur KRUGER, fnu
" (Artillery):	VP Oberrat GERTNER, fnu
Einsatzleiter:	VP Oberkommissar STEINWITZ, fnu
Personalabteilung:	VP Kommissar VOESE, fnu

Kommando 4:

Kommandoleiter:	VP Rat SCHRENTZEL, Ernst Wilhelm
PK Leiter:	VP Rat SCHULZ, fnu
Ausbildungsleiter:	VP KRATZENBERG, Wilhelm
Chief of Staff:	VP Kommissar RABISCH, fnu
Jugendsekretär:	VP Kommissar STERNBERG, Günter
ParteiSekretär:	VP Kommissar KAFER, Horst
Nachrichtenleiter:	VP Kommissar PFLUGBEIL, fnu
Abteilung 1. Leiter:	VP Oberkommissar HELLER, Franz
1. PK:	VP Kommissar LAUTENSCHLAG, fnu
2. Leiter:	VP Kommissar DORNBLUT, fnu
2. PK:	VP Kommissar HEISIG, fnu
3. Leiter:	VP Kommissar HUBER, fnu
3. PK:	VP Kommissar MISCHUDA, fnu
4. Leiter:	VP Kommissar GRAHN, Linus
4. PK:	VP Kommissar MÜLLER, Manfred

Zugführer, Kommando 4

VP Kommissar GUNTHER, fnu - Abteilung 4
 VP Kommissar GORSKI, fnu - Abteilung 4
 VP Kommissar JUNG, fnu - Abteilung 4
 VP Kommissar OTTE, fnu - Abteilung 3
 VP Kommissar PFLAUME, fnu - Abteilung 1
 VP Kommissar HELLMICH, fnu - Abteilung ?

(Names of remaining Zugführer not known).

6. Russian Liaison Officers

No Russian Liaison Officer was stationed permanently with the Bereitschaft, but two came about three times a week, one to inspect the artillery and one the infantry training. Both wore the uniform of a VP Oberrat. Source did not know their names or where they came from.

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Sheet 4.SECRET7. Vehicles

The Bereitschaft held the following vehicles:

- 4 - 5 ZISS Lorries
- 1 HORCH Lorry
- 2 DKW Cars
- 2 - 3 Opel Olympias
- 1 Ambulance
- 5 - 6 Motorcycles

8. Weapons(a) Light Weapons

The Bereitschaft held light weapons of the types listed below.

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Rifles K.98
Pistols 38 and 08, and Walther P.P.
Machine-Pistols 44 and 38
HMGs 08 and 34
Light and Medium Mortars

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(b) Guns

About the middle of January the Bereitschaft received two guns which, [redacted] were Russian, one of 76 mm and the other of 122 mm calibre. They were not brought out for training but were kept stored in a shed so that they should not be seen by civilian workmen who were engaged in altering the garages to receive more guns.

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9. Training

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Training started on 15th January, 1951. Of a total of 40 hours training each week, eight were devoted to political instruction, 24 to artillery training and the remainder to infantry training and other oddments.

Basic and political training was by Abteilungen and artillery training by Züge, with special instruction for artillery calculators (Rechner), observers and radio operators.

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[redacted] practical artillery training was restricted to loading, unloading and going through the motions of firing the guns, all of which was carried out in the sheds where the guns were kept. Most of the men in Kommando 4 were Hauptwachtmeister and had already received elementary artillery training at Bereitschaft 3, LEIPZIG, but they had had only German guns there, so that it was necessary to re-train them on the Russian guns.

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The Abteilungsleiter and Zugführer who gave the artillery instruction had all been trained at GLOWEN.

10. Recreation

The places of amusement frequented by the men of Bereitschaft KOCHSTEDT are as follows:-

KOCHSTEDT:

"Zum Grünen Baum" - public house with dance hall, in the main street.

DESSAU (MR: M52/E17)

Buses leave KOCHSTEDT for DESSAU every hour on the hour and return on the half-hour. The last bus back is at 8.30 p.m. on weekdays and 11.30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

"Kristal Palast" - dance hall in a street between Johannis Strasse and Zerbst Strasse.

"Altmeister" - dance hall/public house in Mauer Strasse.

"Anton's Gaststätte" - Ballerstedterstrasse.

"Sportheim" - Karlstrasse

"H.O. Gaststätte" - Ratskeller, Am Marktplatz.

11. Bereitschaft DESSAU-NORD

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[redacted] The only item which is possibly still of interest is that the Russian Liaison Officer, who had an office in the HQ [redacted] was VP Oberrat GORSHKOV. [redacted]

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(a) V.P.D. FRANKENBERG (3314 ?)1. Designation

the designation of the unit as "V.P.D. FRANKENBERG" '3314' was

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3. Location

Former Artillery Barracks at FRANKENBERG, Müssere Freiburgerstrasse 32.

4. Strength and Organisation

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This Combat Team has a strength of about 2,000 which includes between 300 and 400 new recruits. the new recruits are being directed to the VP by the EDJ (the so-called "Parteiauftrag").

5. The unit consists of the Staff, four Kommandos and seven Sonderabteilung. The Staff has a strength of about 150 and the No.s I, II, III, and IV Kommandos - all of which are Infantry - have each a strength of between 250 and 300.

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6. the Sonderabteilungen as follows:-

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No. 1 S/Abt. Recon ("Aufklärung")
 No. 2 " Signals
 No. 3 " M/C ("Krad")
 No. 4 " Engineers.

Note: Strength of each of these varies between 30 and 50.

No. 5 S/Abt. Anti-tank (Strength about 40)
 No. 6 " Artillery (Strength about 60)
 No. 7 " A.F.V. (Strength 117)

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8. Breakdown of the No. 7 (AFV) Sonderabteilung

Strength is 117 all ranks made up as follows:-

Abteilungsstab (6)

O.C. (Abteilungsleiter) O/Rat
 2nd i/c (PK Leiter) O/Rat
 i/c Training (Ausbildungsleiter) Rat
 Technical Officer Rat
 Sjt. Major (Innendienstleiter) Meister
 Clerk O/Wm.

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3 Züge (3 x 34 = 102)

3 Zugführer O/Komm.
9 Gruppenführer U/Komm.

L.I.D. (Instandsetzungsstaffel) (9)

i/o (Leiter I - Staffel) U/Komm.
Fitter
Turner
Electrician
Battery-charger
Driver
(AFV Driver
(AFV Gunner
(AFV W/O

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Note: [] the last three form the crew
of the O.C.'s AFV but at the present moment are
employed in the I - Staffel. The Züge are each
divided into three Gruppen. (Str 1:10).

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- a) V.P.D. BURG (3242) - in particular its
No. 2 Sonderabteilung (Signals)

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14. Location

The former Luftwaffe station at BURG-WALDFRIEDEN.

15. Type of unit and strength

The unit is a mixed Combat Team and the present strength is between 1,500 and 2,000 which includes about 200 new recruits.

16. Breakdown

The unit consists of a Staff, four Kommandos and seven Sonderabteilungen.

Nos I to III Kommandos	INFANTRY
No. IV Kommando	ARTILLERY
No. 1 Sonderabteilung	RECCE
No. 2 Sonderabteilung	SIGNALS
No. 3 "	ENGINEERS
No. ? "	ARMoured
No. ? "	ARTILLERY (?)
No. ? "	ANTI-TANK
No. ? "	ANTI-AIRCRAFT

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17. [redacted] about the breakdown of the Nos I to III (Infantry) and IV (Artillery) Kommandos apart from the fact that each has five Abteilungen but even in any one Kommando the Gruppen strength appears to include both 1:5 and 1:9.

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18. The No. 1 (Recce) Sonderabteilung appears to have a strength of about 90 but [redacted]

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19. The No. 3 (Engineers) Sonderabteilung is understood to have an establishment of 46 all ranks but is only about 30 strong. [redacted] certain [redacted] Züge from the Kommandos have been training with this S/Abt. [redacted] its function to be construction and demolition ("Bau und Sprengpioniere") but training appears to be confined to theoretical instruction.

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20. Breakdown of the No. 2 (Signals) Sonderabteilung

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Establishment 46

S/ABT STAFF (STAB)

O.C. (Abteilungsleiter)	O/RAT
2nd i/c (stellv PK)	RAT
3rd i/c (stellv Ausbildung)	RAT
Sgt-Major (Innendienstleiter)	MEISTER
Clerk (Schreiber)	O/WM
Driver (Oberkraftfahrer)	O/WM

HQ TROOPS (STABSZUG)

Troop leader (Zugführer)	O/KOMM
Deputy (Gehilfe des Zugfñ)	KOMM
i/c Telephones (Leiter Fernsprech Vermittlung)	O/WM
2 Telephone operators (Oberfern- sprecher)	O/WM
2 Telephone operators (Fernsprecher)	WM
Linesman (Oberstörungssucher)	O/WM
3 Linesmen (Störungssucher)	WM

TELEPHONE TROOPS (FERNSPRECHZUG)

Troop leader (Zugführer)	O/KOMM
Deputy (Gehilfe des Zugfñ)	KOMM
3 Section leaders (Gruppenfñ)	O/WM
9 Telephone operators (Fernsprecher)	WM

WIRELESS TROOPS (FUNKZUG)

Troop leader (Zugführer)	O/KOMM
Deputy (Gehilfe des Zugfñ)	KOMM
Section leader (Führer der Funk- gruppe)	O/WM
4 W/Ops (Oberfunker)	O/WM
4 W/Ops (Funker)	WM

WORKSHOPS (TECHNISCHE- UND LADE-STATION)

Electrical mechanic	O/WM
Electrician	O/WM
Driver	O/WM

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Notes on Signals S/Abt

21. This S/Abt has only 36 all ranks at present. Officers came from PIRNA and OR's from KOCHSTEDT and former V.P.B. BURG. This figure includes 4 females. The Workshops has not been properly set up yet and the S/Abt has no vehicles of its own nor does the V.P.D. hold any signals vehicles.

22. This S/Abt holds no Russian Signals equipment and only

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4 R/T set ('Friedrich') and
8 Field telephone sets (F.F.S. 33)

23. This S/Abt carries on only elementary and theoretical training and only schemes allowed are indoor ones using buzzers. W/Op's have still not attained required speed of 120 l.p.m. Only field training carried out is line laying and erection of telephone masts.

24. No training on codes is being given but the officers ex PIRNA have received full code training.

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25. Three Züge (one each from the Infantry Kommandos) in all about 30 men are training together with this S/Abt.

26. Heavy equipment

There is no heavy equipment at present as the A.F.V.'s from the former Armoured Bereitschaft were taken away (DESSAU was mentioned as the destination).

27. Russian Small Arms

only one of the Infantry Kommandos training on Russian Small Arms.

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28. Morale

Morale is poor and there is a feeling of pacifism running through the unit. Poor morale can be attributed to lack of leave and evening passes (see under); unbalanced meals and poor cooking; dirty crowded accommodation (3 tier beds) and bad foot wear and clothing (no exchanges for O.R.'s).

29. Leave

New regulations lay down 30 days leave in the year (2 periods of 10 days and 10 days which can be given in special circumstances); one week-end leave per month (but only from after duties Saturday to first parade Monday); one Saturday and one Sunday after duties day pass per month and two Wednesday evening passes for good conduct. All this may be granted but there is no right to have it.

30. Leisure time

There is a mid-day meal break of 2 hours every day but on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the only other free time is between 21.30 and 22.45.

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31. S.E.D. Organisation

The "Grundeinheit" is found in the Staff, every Kommando, Abteilung and Sonderabteilung. Each "Grundeinheit" consists of "Untergruppen" up to 15 members. Party secretaries were elected down to and including Kommandolevel the SED and FDJ Secretaries are full time jobs whereas these in the Sonderabteilungen and Abteilungen are only part time. The post of Oberinstrukteur für Parteiarbeit (the highest party post) is filled by appointment and not by vote.

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32. Russian and HVA Liaison Officers

There are two Russians in VP uniform (one Kommandeur and an O/Rat) with the unit.

- a) SCHÖNE rank O/Komm; status HVA L.O.;

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Note:- There is another O/Komm HVA L.O at the location. At a conference of PK Leiter in January 1951 verbal instructions were given that cases such as the discovery of illegal propaganda within the unit should be reported to one of the H.V.A. L.O's "for his advice".

33. Personalities

- a) NEUBERT rank Kommandeur; status Bereitschaftsleiter;

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- b) STIBEE rank O/Rat; status PK Leiter;

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- c) GUTERMUTH rank O/Rat; status 2. er stellv and Ausbildungsleiter;

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- d) GEIKE rank O/Rat; status Stabschef;

- e) DAMASCHKE rank Rat; status Intendant.

- f) BECKMANN rank O/Rat; status Oberinstrukteur für Parteiarbeit (previously Partei Sekretär);

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- g) RIPPERGER rank O/Rat; status P.K.K. ;

- h) SCHREIBER rank Rat; status Instrukteur für Parteiarbeit;

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- i) ALPERT rank O/Komm; status Propagandist;

- j) BLEIL rank Komm; status Berater für Jugendfragen;

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- k) GESINER rank Meister; status Instrukteur für Kulturellenmassenarbeit;

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- [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- l) PRESCH rank Rat; status Leiter des Nachrichtendienstes (Signals); [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- m) BECKER rank O/Rat; status concerned with Artillery matters; [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
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- n) OHLMANN rank O/Rat; status Leiter I Kdo; [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- o) REICHELT rank Rat; status Leiter IV Kdo; [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- p) WAGNER rank Rat; status PK IV Kdo; [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- q) SOMMERFELD Hellmuth rank Rat; status Leiter 2 S/Abt. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- r) HUBENTHAL Heinz rank Korn; status Ausbildungsleiter 2 S/Abt; [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- s) FRICKE rank O/Korn; status Leiter 3 S/Abt; [REDACTED]
- t) WEINBERG rank Korn; status PK 3 S/Abt; [REDACTED]

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b) Para-military recruiting campaign

34. After the general promotions at the beginning of November 1950 at VPS TORGAU (PK officers school), 260 of the former pupils were divided into 2 man teams and sent to a Kreis to recruit for the V.P. Each team was given a target figure of 50 recruits.

35. It was attempted to send the TORGAU pupils to their own area and there they had to visit the large factories etc and in conjunction with the manager, the SED Betriebsgruppenleiter, and the FDJ representative arrange for personal interviews with suitable youths.

36. "Suitable youths" were those who fulfilled the following conditions:-

- 18 to 22 years old and not married.
- No relatives or near friends in West.
- Were not in Western PW camp after Oct.45
- Not apprentices
- No criminal record
- Politically organised (at least FDJ members - if any special badges will be considered as prospective officers)

37. No instructions were given to use force or threats. If youth agreed he had to complete a questionnaire, write a life history, and produce a reference from local police station.

38. The recruiting teams passed their results to the nearest HVA unit who arranged for collection by its courier. The HVA unit then passed papers on to the special recruiting commissions (the one for Land BRANDENBURG was located at HOHENSTUCKEN).

39. [REDACTED] a number of teams broke their target figure of 50 pupils but the majority did not succeed in this [REDACTED]

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a) V.P.D. GROSSENHAIN (1916)

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9. Location

Former Wehrmacht (Armd or Cav) barracks at GROSSENHAIN, Elsterwerderstr.

Note: In the same street but not in the barracks is the 'Leitstelle' for Land SACHSEN.10. Type of unit and strength

The unit is a mixed Combat Team, and the present strength is just over 2,000, although the establishment is 3,200. The present strength includes about 200 new recruits.

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11. Breakdown

The unit consists of a Staff, four Kommandos and seven Sonderabteilungen.

Nos. I to III Kommandos	INFANTRY
No. IV Kommando	ARTILLERY
No. 2 Sonderabteilung	ARMoured
No. 7 "	RECCE CARS (Pz Späh)
No. ? "	RECCE (Aufklärung)
No. ? "	SIGNALS
No. ? "	ENGINEERS
No. ? "	ANTI-TANK
No. ? "	ANTI-AIRCRAFT.

12. Breakdown of an Infantry Kommando

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The establishment is 320 all ranks, and the Kommando is divided into five Abteilungen (Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Rifle Companies; No. 4 a Heavy M.G. Company, and No. 5 a Medium Mortar Company). Each Abteilung has normally three Züge (except that in certain cases the 4th or 5th Company has four Züge) and each Zug has three Gruppen (Strength 1:9).

Kommando staff includes:-

O.O. (Kommandoleiter)	O/Rat
2 i/c (PK Leiter)	Rat
3 i/c (Ausbildungsleiter)	Rat

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Stabschef	O/Komm
Deputy to Stabschef (Gehilfe)	O/Komm
Clerk to Stabschef	Meister
Sjt. Major (Geschäftsführer)	Meister
2 Clerks (Schreiber)	H/ or O/Wm
Quartermaster (Intendant)	Komm
2 Q M Clerks (Gehilfen)	H/ or O/Wm
SED Secretary	O/Komm
FDJ Secretary	O/Komm
2 Drivers	H/Wm
D.R.	H/ or O/Wm
Medical Orderly	H/Wm
Gas protection instructor	up to Meister

Abteilungs Staff includes:-

O.C. (Abteilungsleiter)	Rat
2 i/c (FK Leiter)	Rat
3 i/c (Ausbildungsleiter)	O/Komm
Sjt. Major (Innendienstleiter)	Meister
Clerk (Schreiber)	H/ or O/Wm.

13. Notes on Infantry Kommando

The No. 1 Kommando has at present only 282 all ranks. The No. 1 Abteilung has mainly tommy guns. In the Nos. 1 to 3 Abteilungen there is only one L.M.G. per Zug at present, but this is to be increased to one L.M.G. per Gruppe. The same applies to the Nos. 4 and 5 Abteilungen at present where only each Zug has an S.M.G. or Mortar instead of one per Gruppe.

14. Heavy Equipment

[redacted] the unit held 20 heavy A.F.V.'s but [redacted] saw [redacted] only 3. These were T.34. [redacted] from 12 Recce cars there are now 6 left. These have tracks and a turret but [redacted] not [redacted] further details.

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15. [redacted] apart from two German field pieces the unit also holds one German A.A. gun and one German A/Tk gun. 50X1-HUM

16. [redacted] not seen much engineer equipment. The signals people are mainly seen with field telephones but they have also been seen with W/c sets. 50X1-HUM

17. M.T.

Unit holds about 9 lorries and 7 or 8 cars and a number of m/c.

18. Small Arms

The small arms are mainly German, but the unit holds Russian rifles and tommy guns but Informant has seen only one Russian S.M.G. (with wheels) and one Russian Medium Mortar (8.14 cm).

19. Training

Various components all doing own specialised training. Infantry Kommandos are having theoretical instruction on Russian small arms. [redacted] the Infantry component is at present having a great deal of field exercises, especially in the use of the Russian 3 trench system. A whole Kommando goes out in the field but the exercises are only carried out at Zug level.

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20. Extension of Accommodation

[redacted] at present 200 civilian workers from DRESDEN are employed on extension of buildings at the location. A one storey building has had its roof taken off so that another two storeys can be built on top. [redacted] the dead-line for completion had been 15 December 50, but general estimates were that the extensions would not be completed before May 51.

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21. Security

[redacted] the presence of the civilian workers in the location severely hampered normal training. [redacted] an interesting incident. Three tanks returning from an exercise had broken down and before the V.P.'s were allowed to repair them out on the open street they were made to change into Russian uniform.

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22. Morale

[redacted] the morale [redacted] bad and [redacted] the main reason for this as lack of leave (see under) as there are always cases of people over-staying their leave. Accommodation is cramped and there are 25 to 30 men per room sleeping in 3-tier beds. Smoking is forbidden in the barrack rooms and there are no club-rooms. The dining hall is so small and meals are taking so long that the training programme is being affected. The food is not divided up well over the various meals and as nudels are served with the many meals the unit has been nick-named the "Makkaroni Bereitschaft". The whole time [redacted] dirty towels were not exchanged. The officers too are all suffering under the threat of having been made personally responsible for any defections or overstay of leave by their OR's.

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23. Leave

The new leave regulation states that the following may be granted. 30 days leave in the year to consist of two periods of 10 days, leaving 10 days for special circumstances. One week-end leave (after duty Saturdays to first parade Monday) per month. Two evening passes at the week-end and two Wednesday evening passes per month. The week-end leave and evening passes are only to be issued to policemen with good records, and is also limited by the fact that not more than 25% of the unit can leave barracks at any one time.

24. Pay

[redacted] a new pay arrangement, [redacted]

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25. SED/FDJ

[redacted] to date no SED elections have taken place within the new unit, and as there are so few SED members, there is only one "Grundeinheit" for the whole unit. Elections for the FDJ Betriebsgruppen took place on 2 January 51, and a "Grundeinheit" exists in each Kommando. No elections took place above this level as the unit FDJ secretary was appointed by the H.V.A.

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26. P.K.

[redacted] everyone considered it rather strange that policemen who had never been trained as PK officials, nor who had acted as such, were appointed to minor PK posts in the new unit. Likewise, people with PK experience were being employed as junior military instructors. (In one Abteilung three of the Zugführer has been PK officials previously

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whereas two of the PK officials had no previous PK experience, one having been a clerk and the other a Gruppenführer). A number of people are of the opinion that someone in the HVA is purposely sabotaging the whole affair because any suggestions about re-distribution of posts were flatly refused.

27. Ranks

The new rank of Unterkommissar (pupils who attended former VPS and were promoted to Meister) is denoted by the same badge of rank as Meister but the actual Meister have now had to remove the silver cords from their hats and substitute the O.R.'s green hat cords.

28. Russian and HVA Liaison Officers

There are two Russians in V.P. uniform at the location, one as Kommandeur and the other as O/Rat -

- a) DONATH rank O/Rat; status "SSD representative". 50X1-HUM
- b) STEIN rank Kommissar; status "Berater" (Advisor). 30.

With these two are a Kommissar and an Unterkommissar.

29. Personalities

- a) GEBAUER rank Kommandeur; status Dienststellenleiter; 50X1-HUM
- b) WELLNER rank Kommandeur; status PK Leiter; 50X1-HUM
- c) ENGELKE rank Kommandeur; status Lehr/Ausbildungsleiter. 50X1-HUM
- d) MEINKE rank O/Rat. Status Stabschef.
- e) HAMPE rank O/Rat; status Intendant;
- f) SEIDLER rank O/Rat; status PKK;
- g) KÜHN rank O/Kommissar; status SED Secretary;
- h) NEUMANN rank O/Kommissar; status FDJ Secretary;
- i) MÜHLE rank Kommissar; status Propagandist;
- j) ENTER Albert rank Rat; status Leiter I Kdo;
- k) ZIERIES rank Kommissar; status Ausbildungsleiter I Kdo; 50X1-HUM
was previously a pupil at a V.P.S.
- l) DEGNER rank O/Kommissar; status Stabschef I Kdo. 50X1-HUM

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m) LANGGABEL Willi, Rank Kommissar; status Gehilfe des Stabschef
I Kdo; [REDACTED]

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n) RÖSCHLEIN, Heinz Rank Kommissar; status Intendant I Kdo; [REDACTED]

o) MATSCHINA Rank Rat; status Leiter II Kdo; [REDACTED]

p) FLOCHMANN Rank Kommissar; status PK Leiter II Kdo; [REDACTED]

q) WIESNER Rank Kommissar; status PK Leiter III Kdo; [REDACTED]

r) NÄTER Rank O/Kommissar; status PK Leiter IV Kdo; [REDACTED]

s) ZÄH Rank Kommissar; status PK Leiter 2 S/Abt; [REDACTED]

t) RAU Rank Kommissar; status PK Leiter 4 S/Abt; [REDACTED]

u) GRÄF Rank Rat; status PK Leiter 5 S/Abt.

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SECRET CONTROL

Subject: VP Officers School at TORGAU

LAND SACHSEN-ANHALT

1. The former VP Officers School occupying the Barrack buildings in Domnitzscherstr., TORGAU, was disbanded shortly before Christmas 1950, and transferred somewhere near BERLIN.
2. At the beginning of 1951 a new Bereitschaft was formed of nearly 1,000 men and occupied the vacated buildings.

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Subject: VP Officers School (?) in LANGENSALZA

LAND THUERINGEN

1. The barracks in Thiemstrueckerstr. which were evacuated by a VP Bereitschaft at Xmas 1950, have been occupied since about the middle of January 1951 by a new VP unit, with an estimated strength of between 300 and 400 men.
2. According to local rumour, the unit is a School for VP Officers. This tends to be confirmed by the fact that most of the men seen in the town now have the rank of Pol.Meister.
3. No more detailed information.

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Subject: VP units in GOTHA

LAND THUERINGEN

1. A VP unit is stationed in the Burgeraue Kaserne in the middle of the town. They are equipped with light weapons only, and have been seen marching through the town in units of about 50 men. The total strength is not known.
2. A considerable amount of transport (no details) is parked on the vehicle park behind the barracks.
3. Four blocks of the Flak Kaserne in the Georgenthalerstr. are occupied by a VP unit. No details of strength or equipment. It is not known whether this unit has any connection with that in the Burgeraue Kaserne.

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Subject: V.P. Bereitschaft - APOLDA

LAND THUERINGEN

1. The VP Bereitschaft formerly stationed in the "Spinnhuetten" APOLDA, has been transferred elsewhere. A factory will shortly be erected for the manufacture of war material in the "Spinnhuetten".

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Subject: ROZ Police - Grepo Bereitschaft PIRNA

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Location and Organisation

1. The Grepo Bereitschaft PIRNA is situated at Rottwerndorfer strasse in the former Wehrbezirksskommando, the Head of which is O/Polrat BIRNIG. The three Kommandanturen of which source was cognisant were NEUSTADT, STRUBEN and FRAUENSTEIN. The Heads of the latter two were O/Komm. FLEISCHMANN and O/Komm. DEUTSCHER. Grepo Kommandos REINERSDORF, SCHMILGA (KPP) and ZINNWALD came under FRAUENSTEIN.

2. Grepo Kommando KEMMERSWALDE is situated in the former Zollhaus, and the present Head is Komm. SCHLEGEL, who was appointed to succeed Komm. GEISLER Richard who was transferred on 26 Dec 50 to the FRAUENSTEIN Kommandantur. The present PK Leiter of KEMMERSWALDE is Pol.Mstr. WOLFF, Helmut.

Postings/Transfers

3. Since 10 Dec 1950 the Grepo Bereitschaft has been re-organised, and just before 26 Dec 1950 there were almost daily changes and transfers to other Bereitschaften, to Grepo Bereitschaften on the Western boundary, or to Guard Battalions in BERLIN. At the same time as source was dismissed on 31 Dec 1950, the services of six older members were also dispensed with.

Strengths

4. Whilst the strength of a Grepo Kommando was at least 38 men, since the beginning of the year it has been reduced to 18 men.

New Units

5. A VP Bereitschaft was formed early in 1951 in PIRNA and is now located in the former RAD Lager (near the former Pioneer Barracks in the ROTTWERNDORFER Str.).

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Informant's background and reason for defection

1. Father died in SAACHSENHAUSEN camp during Nazi period. Informant was raised by his grand-mother. His mother went to West Germany in 1947 and has just married again. Informant left the Einheitschule in 1949 and took a commercial course from 1949 to 1950.
2. He joined the V.P. in May 1950 and admits now that at that time he was taken in by the communist propaganda although he only became an F.D.J. member in October 1950. From May 1950 until his arrest on 15 January 1951 he worked in the Abt. P.K., Pressestelle cutting out newspaper articles and preparing them for perusal by the Police President.
3. On 15 January 1951 he was arrested by two "U.S.S. officials" and taken for questioning to the rooms used by U.S.S. in the Abt. K., S.D. Dept., (4th floor of P.P.). The main questions were why had he taken Western newspapers home and to whom had he given them. Informant stuck to his answer that he took these newspapers home only in order to read the Sports columns at his leisure. This was apparently believed as he was released on the 17/18 January 1951 from Direksenstr. prison.
4. He was ill until 13 February 1951 when on returning to the P.P. he was sent to work on the card index of the Abt. Personal where he remained until 19 February 1951 when he defected to West BERLIN after being warned by a civilian.

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Subject: ROZ POLICE - Grepo Bereitschaft ELLRICHLAND THURINGEN

1. [] the Bereitschaft HQ in
ELLRICH [] controlled three subordinate Kommandanturen
located at:-

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- a) BENNECKENSTEIN
- b) GUDERSLEBEN
- c) WORBIS.

2. The WORBIS Kommandantur (Finanzamt building) has four subordinate Kommandos located at:-

- a) JUETZENBACH
- b) NEUENDORF
- c) SIEMERODE
- d) WEHNDE.

Personalities3. (a) WORBIS Kommandantur

Kommandanturleiter	: O/Komm.	SCHMEISZER
P.K. Leiter	: Polrat.	GEBHARDT
Stabschef	: O/Komm.	SCHROETER
Instrukteur	: Komm.	TOESCH.
'K'-Stellenleiter	: Komm.	HARTMANN

(b) WEHNDE Kommando

Kommandoleiter	: Komm.	STOEGER
P.K. Leiter	: Komm.	SCHUMANN.

4. The present Kommandantur Leiter replaced Polrat. PIEGER at the end of January. PIEGER is supposed to have been involved in smuggling across the RZB and has been transferred to the Bereitschaft HQ in ELLRICH pending the investigation of his case.

General Conditions

5. Each man in the Kommando is supposed to do eight hours patrol duty daily and receive sixteen hours free time. In practice, it is not unusual for a man to be on duty anything up to twelve hours at a stretch when a stand-to is in force.

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SECRETSheet 2General Conditions (continued)

6. For patrol purposes the day is divided as follows:-

Morning patrol - 0400 - 1200 hours - 6 men
 Afternoon patrol - 1200 - 2000 hours - 4 men
 Evening patrol - 2000 - 0400 hours - 8 men.

7. Men on morning patrol are expected to do the fatigues for the Kommando when they come off duty and one of them remains on duty as an orderly until 1600 hours.

8. With the Kommandos under strength, this arrangement had not worked well and all the men had arrears of leave.

[redacted] the average strength of the Kommandos in the WORBIS Kommandantur sector was 32 men instead of the established strength of 38. At the beginning of January 1951 reinforcements had been promised by the Kommando Leiter but they had not materialised.

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Training

9. Political instruction, consisting usually of lectures by the P.K. Leiter, took place twice weekly and there were also occasional talks by the Kommando Leiter on subjects of topical interest. Weapon training was given once a week by the Kommando Leiter or the Instruktuer from the WORBIS Kommandantur. There had been no firing practice for members of the WEHNDE Kommando since November 1950.

Communications

10. The Bereitschaft HQ at ELLRICH had a teleprinter apparatus and its own private telephone lines, maintained by the postal authorities, to the subordinate Kommandanturen. From the Kommandantur to the Kommandos, field telephone lines with ex-Wehrmacht instruments were used. In addition, each Kommando had a civilian telephone and the Kommandantur could be contacted, in an emergency, via the normal exchange.

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11. [redacted] telephones were to be installed at various points along the border so that patrols could maintain contact with the Kommando [redacted]

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Processing of Line Crossers

12. All line crossers intercepted by Grepo patrols are given a preliminary screening at the Kommando office, either by the duty Wachmeister or the P.K. Leiter. Cases of security interest are handed over to the 'K'-Stelle at the Kommandantur. A Wanted List (Fahndungsbuch) is kept at the Kommando and this is supplemented by a local list of known passeurs and smugglers. All persons whose names appear on either list are automatically passed on to the Kommandantur. Each Kommandantur compiles its own stop-list (Fahndungsliste) and each patrol is responsible for seeing that the list is kept up-to-date.

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SECRETSheet 3Grenzpolizei Kriminal-Stelle ('K'-Stelle)

13. The Grenz)Kriminalstelle at the WORBIS Kommandantur has a strength of 1 Polizei Kommissar (HARTMANN), 1 Hauptwachtmeister (BOXBERGER), 1 Wachtmeister and 2 policewomen.

14. A card index (Fahndungskartei) is maintained by the 'K'-Stelle clerks where a record is kept of all persons who pass through their hands. The 'K'-Stelle is responsible for compiling the local stop-list but only names and enough personal particulars for positive identification are passed on to the Kommandos. First offenders are usually fined D.M. (O) 52.00 and allowed to proceed; the fine is raised to D.M. (O) 105.00 for a second offence. Habitual line crossers, intercepted on three or more occasions, are handed over to the Staatsanwaltschaft for prosecution.

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15. A fairly close liaison is maintained between the 'K'-Stelle and the M.S.S. unit which [redacted] was stationed in HEILIGENSTADT. M.S.S. officials visited the Kommandantur about three times weekly.

16. A Wachmeister at the Kommandantur translated some reports into Russian and these were passed on to a Russian Officer who visited WORBIS once a week on the average. [redacted] no line crossers were handed over direct to the Russians but cases may have been passed on to them via the Bereitschaft.

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Postings and Dismissals

17. Since December 1950, no member of the WEHNDE Kommando had been dismissed under the terms of S.M.A. Ordinance No. 2 (Befehl 2) but [redacted] such dismissals had taken place in other Kommandos. The main cause of wastage had been dismissals and arrests of Grepo personnel for smuggling and failing to intercept line crossers. At NEUENDORF eight men were arrested recently and at the beginning of the year the whole Kommando had been replaced at RUSTENFELDE. In spite of the widespread dismissals which had taken place in the local K.P.A., no attempt had been made to reinforce the Grepo from this source.

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18. [redacted] not [redacted] any large-scale postings of men to the V.P. Bereitschaften but [redacted] men with suitable qualifications had been posted to the Seepolizei.

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Liaison with Russian Boundary Forces

19. The Kommando at WEHNDE had instructions to liaise with the Russian boundary troops at ECKLINGERODE and TEISTUNGEN and the Russians were contacted by patrols about 40 minutes before they came off duty. A duty book was kept by each patrol and this had to be signed by the N.G.O. in charge of the Russian boundary guard. At the same time any line crossers intercepted by the Russians were handed over to the Grepo.

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Part 'B'

Subject: ROZ POLICE - VP Schule, PRIMERWALD

LAND MECKLENBURG

Location

1. Remains unchanged.

Strength

2. No definite information on the present strength, although it is thought that over 1,000 men are now there. On the re-organisation only 300 men (mainly members of the staff) remained. A further 300 came from GROSSENHAIN, and smaller groups from various other Bereitschaften.

Personalities

3. Schulleiter : Kommandeur KRUMM [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- P.K. Leiter : Kommandeur [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- Operativleiter : Pol.Rat. KARISIUS (Not to be confused with his younger brother, [redacted]) 50X1-HUM
- Intendanturleiter : Kommandeur GOLLOP.
- ?? : Polrat. Wolfgang MASSEW [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Equipment

4. Present equipment not known. On 3 January 1951 the whole unit was excited over the alleged arrival of T.44 tanks, but no details are known, nor can the truth of the story be vouched for.

Training

5. The officers who arrived from the course in the USSR have allegedly come to change the entire training to conform to Russian ideas, but again no positive information is held.

Re-organisation

6. The new constitution of the school is not known.

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Uniform

7. Khaki shirts were issued in summer 1950. The storeman stated that he had had orders to issue khaki riding breeches, but that these orders had been cancelled almost immediately. These breeches have not yet been seen.

8. On the 1st or 2nd of January, an inmate of the sick bay who had been to GUESTROW to see a specialist got a lift back to the school on a lorry full of stores, which was bound for the school in PRIMERWALD. [redacted]

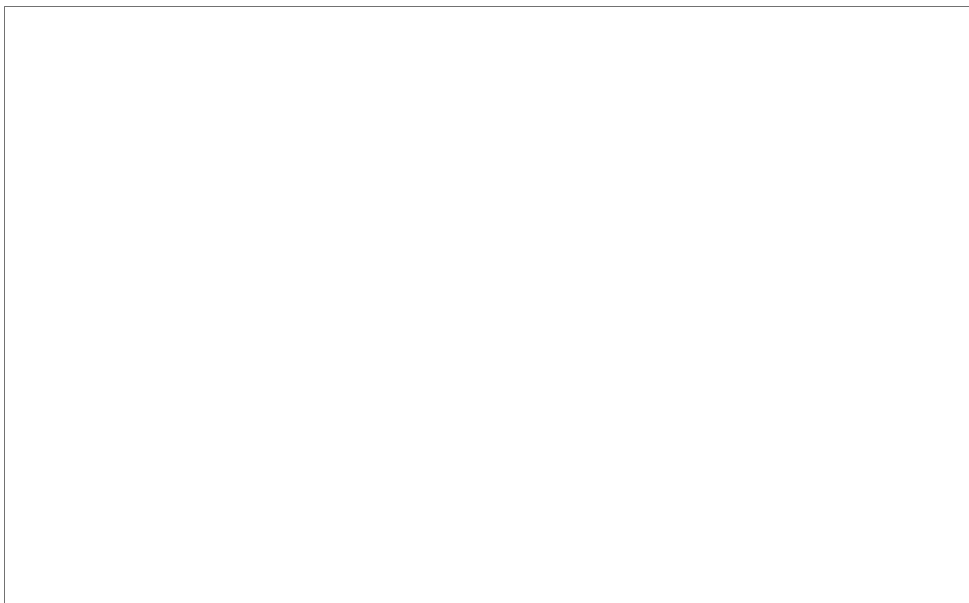
[redacted] the stores were Russian shoulder boards, carrying Russian Army badges of rank. The truth of this story cannot be vouched for.

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Morale

9. It is thought that the vast majority of the men only remain in the VP because of the good pay, but that they would defect immediately should they be required to go into action. Many more would defect now if they were sure of finding work and accommodation in the Western Zones.

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V.P. Prison Camp (Haftanstalt) in TORGAUDesignation

1. [] the official designation of the a/m prison camp as HAFTANSTALT TORGAU which is located in TORGAU, Otto Schlag strasse 5 B,

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2. [] on 15 February 1951, the prison camp held approximately 1400 male prisoners. No female prisoners were held at the prison camp.

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3. [] about 90% of the prisoners had been given sentences ranging between a minimum of 10 years and a maximum of 30 years, and had been tried and sentenced by S.M.A. Courts between 1945 and 1947 for such small crimes as criticism of the Russians and S.E.D., and petty thefts during the immediate post-war period.

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4. In January 1951 there were 277 serious cases of Tuberculosis in the prison camp. All cases of Tuberculosis were placed in an isolation ward, and apart from certain inoculations, the only preferential treatment given to them was an extra daily ration, 62 grammes of cheese.

Living conditions etc.

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5. [] the living conditions of the prisoners [] extremely bad. Accommodation was given in three types of cells (a) cells for three persons, (b) cells for 15 persons, (c) cells for 30 persons. [] most of the occupants of type (a) cells, (i.e., for three persons) were prisoners who were considered to be reactionary and likely to cause trouble if allowed to associate with the others. Sleeping arrangements consisted of straw mattresses, which were often damp, and all sanitary arrangements were in the cells.

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Rations

6. All prisoners received the same daily basic ration of 200 gramm of bread, 35 gramm of meat, and 25 gramm of fats. Only one warm meal was given daily at 1300 hours which consisted of a rather watery soup. [] extra rations were occasionally given to members of the "working parties" who had surpassed their "norm". The extra rations never exceeded 100 gramm bread, but occasionally included two or three cigarettes.

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Working Parties

7. Working parties, employed on stone breaking or building within the prison camp area, consisted in the main of detailed prisoners, though in a few cases volunteers were accepted. Daily work with these columns started at 0700 hours and lasted until 1700 hours in the winter, with one hour's break for lunch. No payment was made to those joining the Working Parties.

Correspondence

8. Only those who joined the works parties were allowed to write and receive one letter per month, otherwise none were allowed to correspond with their relatives. All letters were strongly censored.

Visits of Relatives

9. Only the "Works Brigadiers" (i.e., those prisoners who had been put in charge of the works parties) were allowed to receive one 30 minute visit from their

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relatives, though in actual fact this has only happened once, in September 1950.

New Intake to the Prison Camp in TORGAU

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10. [] three transports arriving at the camp since May 1950; they were:

(a) One transport of 150 male prisoners arriving in Aug/Sept 1950 from the prison camp UNTERHASSELD. All had been sentenced by S.K.K. courts and their minimum sentence was 10 years.

(b) One transport of 50 men and 10 women members of Jehova's Witnesses, all of whom had been sentenced in DESSAU in December 1950. The female prisoners were sent to a prison camp in LUCKAU within 48 hours.

(c) One transport of 10 male prisoners from Land THURINGEN, believed to have been sentenced by a German court in December 1950 in WEIMAR.

V.P. Personnel at the Prison Camp, TORGAU

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11. [] the overall strength of V.P. Guards and administration personnel at the prison camp, was approximately 240 which were broken down into:

(a) One Guard Kommando (app. strength 180) of three Zug and one Zug for the supervision of the Works Parties.

(b) One internal duty Kommando (app. strength 35-40) whose duties included the supervision of prisoners [] in their cells.

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(c) One administration section (app. strength, 25 - 30).

V.P. Personalities serving in the Prison Camp TORGAU

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(a)	BODNAR (Peter)	O/Rat	Head of Prison Camp, []	
(b)	DISSNER	Kommissar	i/c Guards Kommando. []	50X1-HUM
(c)	BRODE (Max)	Kommissar	i/c the prisoners' personal files and card index. []	
(d)	PULZ	Meister	P.K. leiter at Prison Camp. []	50X1-HUM
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PART "B"SECRETSubject: Volkspolizeigrenzbereitschaft PLAUEN (MR: M51/K12)

LAND : SACHSEN
KREIS : PLAUEN
ORT : PLAUEN (MR: M51/K12)

- (a) Location: Former Fliegerhorst SCHOPSDREHE near PLAUEN
 (b) Strength: 1,000 (100 approx. in HQ)
 (c) Personalities:

Leiter: VP Kommandeur KRAUS, fnu
 PK Leiter: VP Kommissar HOFFMANN, fnu
 Personalsachbearbeiter: VP Meister KRAUSE, fnu

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[redacted] the Bereitschaft was divided into three
 Kommandanturen as follows:-

- i. ADORF
 ii. EIBENSTOCK
 iii. REITZENHEIM

1. ADORF

- (a) Location: Former mill on outskirts of town of ADORF
 (b) Strength: 170 - 200 (50 approx. in HQ)
 (c) Personalities:

Leiter: VP Kommissar GRUNERT, fnu
 PK Leiter: VP Kommissar GLASER, fnu

2. EIBENSTOCK

- (a) Location: Former Kaufhaus in town of EIBENSTOCK
 (b) Strength: 250 (50 approx. in HQ)
 (c) Personalities:

Leiter: VP Rat Karl VOIGTMANN
 Stabschef: VP Oberkommissar LIST, fnu
 PK Leiter: VP Meister Hans RITSCHER
 Lehrgangsleiter: VP Oberrat GOETZE, fnu

3. REITZENHEIM

- (a) Location: Town of REITZENHEIM
 (b) Strength: 200 (40 approx. in HQ)
 (c) Personalities: Unknown

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[redacted] the Kommandanturen ADORF and EIBENSTOCK had
 the following Kommandos:-

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Sheet 4.SECRETA. Kommandantur ADORE

- i. BAD ELSTER
- ii. BRAMBACH
- iii. LANDTUST

i. Kommando BAD ELSTER

- (a) Location: Former Gasthaus in village
- (b) Strength: 35 - 40
- (c) Personalities:

Leiter: VP Meister Kurt LEITHOLT
 PK Leiter: VP Kommissar Heinz GUTSCHE

ii. Kommando BRAMBACH

- (a) Location: House in village
- (b) Strength: 35 - 40
- (c) Personalities: Unknown

iii. Kommando LANDTUST

- (a) Location: 3 small houses on outskirts of village
- (b) Strength: 35 - 40
- (c) Personalities:

PK Leiter: VP Wachtmeister Heinz KRIMM

B. Kommandantur EIBENSTOCK

- i. RITTERSGRUN
- ii. OBERJUGEL
- iii. KLINGELTHAL
- iv. SACHSENGRUND

i. Kommando RITTERSGRUN

- (a) Location: Old Zollhaus in village
- (b) Strength: 32
- (c) Personalities:

Leiter: VP Hauptwachtmeister Hans KUNZEL
 PK Leiter: VP Hauptwachtmeister Fritz BOTTCHER

ii. Kommando OBERJUGEL

- (a) Location: 2 houses in village
- (b) Strength: 28
- (c) Personalities:

Leiter: VP Kommissar Richard SCHMIDT
 PK Leiter: VP Oberwachtmeister Werner DUEPPEL

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SECRETiii. Kommando KLINGELTHAL

- (a) Location: Villa on outskirts of village
- (b) Strength: 35
- (c) Personalities:

Leiter: VP Meister ?

PK Leiter: VP Hauptwachtmeister ?

iv. Kommando SACHSENGRUND

- (a) Location: Farmhouse on outskirts of village
- (b) Strength: 30 - 35
- (c) Personalities: Unknown

4. Surveillance of Czech Frontier Area

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[redacted] the Czech Frontier area had a "Sperrgebiet" approximately 200 to 300 metres in depth. This was guarded by a system of posts and patrols as follows:

- (a) Frontier patrols of two men
- (b) Observation towers with posts of two to three and sometimes four men
- (c) Hinterhaltposten (ambush) of two men
- (d) Camouflaged posts of two men
- (e) Patrols of two men

The observation towers were erected at strategic points close to the Frontier and on the edge of the "Sperrgebiet". The Frontier patrols operated between the observation towers. The camouflaged posts were fox holes located likewise close to the Frontier and at chosen points between the observation towers. Camouflaged posts were always located in the vicinity of roads and field paths leading to the Frontier.

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The Hinterhaltsposten (ambush patrols) were located in concealed positions in the "Sperrgebiet" and operated on hand signals from the forward patrols or observation towers.

The two men patrols were located behind the "Sperrgebiet" usually on roads and were responsible for checking vehicles and personnel approaching the Frontier area.

[redacted] the "Sperrgebiet" (200-300 metres) was out of bounds to all civilians with the exception of a small number of forest workers who were issued with special passes. No details of these special passes were available.

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Another "Sperrgebiet" about 1,000 metres in depth existed behind the Frontier forbidden area. This was out of bounds to all civilians not resident therein and workers employed in the area had to have a special permit.

5. Special Guarding of Mines in the Czech Frontier Area

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[redacted] all mines and shafts in the Frontier area were guarded by Bergwerkpolizei and Russian troops. Bergwerkpolizei personnel, always accompanied by a Russian, patrolled inside the mining area. Russian patrols operated outside the area, the patrols forming a circle around the object.

Kreise and towns in the frontier area which embraced mines or shafts were forbidden areas. All inhabitants of these towns or areas must have their Personalausweise stamped at the local Kreispolizeiamt. Inhabitants of one "Sperrgebiet" wishing to visit another such area must first obtain written permission from the local police authorities and report immediately on arrival in the new "Sperrgebiet" to the local Kreispolizeiamt.

Anyone wishing to visit a "Sperrgebiet" must have written permission from their local Kreispolizeiamt and on arrival report to the Kreispolizeiamt of the "Sperrgebiet" concerned.

6. MOLOTOV's visit to PRAGUE

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[redacted] a few days before the meeting in PRAGUE which MOLOTOV attended, an OP Befehl (operative order) was received from the HVdVP, BERLIN. This ordered all border posts and patrols to be doubled and catered for the immediate arrest of the following:

- (a) All frontier crossers
- (b) All unauthorized persons found in any of the "Sperrgebiete"
- (c) All persons found in possession of Western identity documents

7. New Volkspolizei Rank of Unterkommissar

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[redacted] after the October Elections orders were read out at the HQ of the Volkspolizeigrenzbereitschaft, PLAUEN. These orders stated that a new Volkspolizei rank, namely that of Unterkommissar, was being established. [redacted] so far the rank has not been introduced in the Grenzbereitschaften. They described the insignia as being that of Wachtmeister with the addition of a silver stripe running up the centre.

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PART "C"

Subject: Spending of Leisure Time by Personnel
of Volkspolizeigrenz Bereitschaft PLAUEN

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1.  all members of the Bereitschaft were allowed one free day per week at choice. Most of them, however, elected to take four days leave together once a month for the purpose of visiting their homes.
2. A number, however, took the days leave per week and amused themselves in local dance halls, inns, etc. The establishments most frequented by personnel of the Kommandos of BAD ELSTER and RITTERSCRUN were the following:
- (a) BAD ELSTER
- Bade Kafé.
Zwicker's Hotel
Wilhelmshöhe Tanzlokal
Alte Forsthausschänke
- (b) RITTERSCRUN
- Gastwirtschaft Volkshaus
Gastwirtschaft Schützenhaus (BREITENBRUNN)
Gastwirtschaft Donau Garten (Unter RITTERSCRUN)
3. No transport facilities were provided and personnel generally "thumbed" lifts on civilian vehicles by holding them up officially.

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V.P.D. BURG (3242)1. Designation

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[redacted] the designation as "V.P.D. BURG", but [redacted] the official number "3242" never appears on any documents which have to be shown in public.

2. [redacted]

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3. Location

Former airfield at BURG-WALDFRIEDEN.

4. Strength and Organisation

This Combat Team has a present strength of about 2,000, which includes about 250 new recruits. The unit consists of the Staff, four Kommandos, and seven Sonderabteilungen:-

Kommando I, II, and III - Infantry
Kommando IV - Artillery

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[redacted] the function of six of the seven S/Abt:-

AFV
Anti-Tank
Engineers
Signals
Anti-Aircraft
Motor cycle squad (Kradschützen)

5. Present breakdown of Infantry (No. III) Kommando

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The present strength of this Kommando is only about 200, but [redacted] the Abteilungen should all be 68 men strong, although this does not coincide with [redacted] the Gruppen will be 20 men strong.

6. At present the Kommando is divided into five Abteilungen (Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Rifle ones, No. 4 an SIG one, and No. 5 a mortar one). [redacted] the number of Züge and Gruppen per Abteilung [redacted] is believed to be incorrect in [redacted] the rifle Abteilungen had four Züge each.

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7. Heavy equipment

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[redacted] has seen four tanks (T.34's), four S.P. guns (thinks German ones), four recon cars ([redacted] with 6 wheels and open top), and twelve carriers. [redacted] there is a number of artillery pieces at the location but as [redacted] never seen them except from a distance in the sheds, [redacted]

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8. Other armament

The 5 Abt/III Kdo had one German and one Russian mortar (both 8 cm). Machine guns seen were all ex Wehrmacht models. A limited number of Russian Tommy guns and carbines is held by the unit, as well as Belgian pistols.

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9. Training

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[redacted] the training programme is only a temporary one. Training has mainly been repeats of previous training but with the emphasis on Russian drill and primary military training.

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10. [redacted] about three times a week one of the Infantry Kommandos - as well as some of the AFV's - can be seen training together with Red Army troops.

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11. Tests

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[redacted] tests will be held in all units to test the qualifications of the various ranks.

12. New uniforms, etc.

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[redacted] a policeman who joined the unit recently from another unit in SACHSEN (location unknown) was wearing the new khaki uniform (blouse instead of jacket). This policeman had reported that new rank insignia for O.R.'s had been introduced as follows:-

Anwärter - Plain blue shoulder boards (more after Red Army style) with no piping.

Ma - One silver bar

O/Ma - Two silver bars

H/Ma - Three silver bars

Meister - Plain silver piping

The newly created officer's rank of Unterkommissar has broader silver piping on shoulder boards, and, of course, a silver hat cord as opposed to the green hat cord of the Meister.

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13. Pay

Policemen holding an establishment post higher than their own rank are paid 60% of the difference in pay.

14. Morale

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[redacted] the morale [redacted] very poor. Firstly there is a feeling that they might be asked to shoot their own West German countrymen. Secondly, since the re-organisation, a large number of policemen have been posted further away from home, and the HVA even had to set up hardship committees to consider new exchanges of personnel.

15. Evening and Day Passes

Buses are specially provided by the local KWU to run the policemen on the 8 Km trip into town. (Fare is 1.40 DM return). Most popular

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pubs in BURG are:-

'STADTSSCHENKE' - Zerbsterstr.
 'REICHSPOST' Schartauerstr.
 'PALAST CAFE' Stalin Platz
 'H.O. CAFE' Stalin platz.

Those who want to dodge the V.P. patrols usually go to the station [REDACTED] in GRABOW.

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16. Russian Advisers and HVA Liaison Officers

[REDACTED] seen only one Russian in VP uniform (a Kommandeur) and one in civilian clothes. The only HVA Liaison Officer [REDACTED] is O/Komm Alfred SCHONE (age about 39).

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17. Personalities:a) NEUBERT rank Kommandeur; status Bereitschaftsleiter; [REDACTED]

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b) STUBBE rank O/Rat; status PK Leiter; [REDACTED]c) GEICKE rank O/Rat; status Stabschef; [REDACTED]d) SOHLMANN rank O/Rat; status Ausbildungsleiter; [REDACTED]e) FEILER rank Kommissar; status stellv. Stabschef; [REDACTED]

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f) BLUM rank Kommissar; status Jugend Sekretär; [REDACTED]

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g) ADAM rank Rat; status Kommandoleiter; (I Kdo).h) ROST rank Kommissar; status Kommandoleiter (III Kdo)

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i) SCECH, Hubert, rank O/Komm; status PK (III Kdo); [REDACTED]j) GRADILLA rank Kommissar; status Stabschef (III Kdo) [REDACTED]k) NEUMANN rank Kommissar; status Ausbildungsleiter; [REDACTED]

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a) V.P.D. GROSSENHAIN (1916) - Notes, mainly on
Russian Advisers

1. Strength

[redacted] in mid January 1951 the unit strength was 1,634.

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2. Transport company

[redacted] since about the middle of January 1951 the transport company ("Transportstaffel") has become an independant company with the unit staff.

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3. This company has a personnel strength of between 40 and 50 all ranks including workshops personnel 5 to 7 OR's. Company group includes

Staffelleiter
 FK Leiter
 2 Zugfuhrer
 i/c Details (Fahrdienstleiter)
 Technical Officer
 i/c Workshops

4. Vehicle holding is:-

6 [redacted] (3 ZIS; 1 4½ ton MERCEDES Diesel;
 1 3 ton MERCEDES Diesel; and 1 OPEL
 Blitz)
 2 Ambulances (1 PHENOMEN and 1 WANDERER 50)
 7 cars
 15 M/c's (10 BMW 350 cc)
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5. Heavy equipment

1 Tank (T.34)
 1 SP Gun
 1 Recce Car (4 wheel type)
 2 Carriers

6. Former Russian Adviser

Kommandeur NESTARENKO who had been adviser to the former 4 VPB GROSSENHAIN went "on leave" about September/October 1950.

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7. After NESTARENKOV's departure and before the four new Advisers came, Captain NIKOLIEV visited the unit about once a week. NIKOLIEV, who wore civilian clothes, came from OSCHATZ and [] he was a member of the RIS ("G.P.U.") there. 50X1-HUM

8. Present Russian Advisers

Since December 1950 there have been four Russian Advisers attached to the V.P.D. [] 50X1-HUM

- a) IONA VP rank - Kommandeur; status Head of Group of Advisers; [] understood to have come from former VPB APOLDA. 50X1-HUM
- b) KABRILIARCHEK VP rank - O/Rat; status responsible for political indoctrination; [] 50X1-HUM
- c) ZEN.TOROV VP rank O/Rat; status responsible for AFV training; [] 50X1-HUM
- d) s.n.u. VP rank Kommandeur; status unknown; []

9. These Russian Advisers have two unit cars at their disposal (a WANDERER 23 and a BMW 38 []). They live in the continuation of the Karl Liebknechtstr in GROSSENHAIN in a Russian occupied area and eat at the nearby S.A.F. station. 50X1-HUM

10. H.V.A. Liaison Officers

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[] these officers as "SSD" officials. Apart from O/Rat BONATH [] there are two Kommissare.

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(a) V.P.D. ZITTAU (1772) - Notes, mainly on
IV Kommando1. Designation

"V.P.D. ZITTAU" and number 1772 is used on internal documents.

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3. Location

Barracks at ZITTAU, Sachsenstrasse 14. Barracks are believed to have been infantry one and the garage can only hold about 12 vehicles but a new garage is being built, which will take a further 8 vehicles.

4. Strength and Organisation

the strength of the unit as between 800 and 1000 of which about 120 are new recruits.

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5. The unit is made up of the Staff, four Kommandos, and seven Sonderabteilung.

there is also an officers' course running there which has a strength of about 120 officers who "have no establishment within the unit".

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6. Notes on No. IV (Arty) Kommando

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The No. IV Kommando has a strength of about 200 at present, the H.Q. Troop (Führungszug) should be 2 Officers and 28 OR.s strong.

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7. The Kommando is made up of the Kommando staff, an H.Q. Troop, and four Abteilungen. At present the staff has a strength of about 20 all ranks, the H.Q. Troop about 11 all ranks, and the Abteilungen - which are divided into three Gruppen each - an average strength of about 40. The Kommando staff includes:

Kommandoleiter
Kommando PK
Ausbildungsleiter
Stabschef
Leiter für Nachrichten
Geschäftsführer
Innendienstleiter.

8. The H.Q. Troop has, at present:

Zugführer
Zughelfer
4- W/Op.s
2- Telephone Operators
3- Plotters.

9. Note on Signals Groups in Unit

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the No.2 Sonderabteilung was a Signals group it included only telephone and teleprinter operators. what signals groups were attached to the Infantry Kommandos there were small groups doing very elementary signals training.

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10. Signals equipment for the unit is held centrally and includes:-

- 3 - Ultra Short Wave Sets (Model UKW 10)
- 2 - R/T Sets (Model Friedrich)
- 1 - 100 Watt Sender.

11. Heavy Equipment

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[redacted] seen no AFV.s at all but has seen four Russian Artillery pieces (two 7.62 cm and two 15.2 cm guns).

12. Training

The W/Op.s with the H.Q. Troop of the Artillery Kommando were employed mainly on signals training but Morse was practised only on buzzers and there were no outdoor W/C schemes. In addition these W/Op.s have had to date a total of 15 to 20 hours on artillery range finders but this was only elementary training.

13. Future of Unit

Although no great importance can be attached to the following, it is considered advisable to include [redacted] the possibility of the unit becoming an Artillery one.

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14. Russian Advisers and HVA/MSS Liaison Officers

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[redacted] the presence of three Russian Officers (one is Inspekteur GORLOV and the other two are Kommandeure). [redacted] has heard [redacted] that Korn. SCHIEFELMANN (aged about 25) who is on the staff of the IV Kommando is an "S.S.D. representative". [redacted]

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15. Personalities

- (a) VOGT rank - Inspekteur; status - Bereitschaftsleiter.
- (b) NEBRIG rank - Kommandeur; status - P.K. Leiter.
- (c) RITTER rank - O/Rat; status - Stabschef.
- (d) MANSCHE rank - Korn; status - Signals Officer (L.d.N.) [redacted]
- (e) TUFKE rank - Rat; status - S.E.D. Secretary.
- (f) LUDWIG rank - O/Korn; status - Youth Secretary.

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- (g) BAUSCHKE rank - O/Rat; status - Leiter Kommando IV, [redacted]

- (h) MEYER rank - Rat; status - PK Leiter Kommando IV; [redacted]

- (i) KRUSCHE rank - O/Korn; status - Stabschef Kommando IV; [redacted]

- (j) AUERBACH rank - Rat; status - Ausbildungsleiter and Signals Officer, Kommando IV; [redacted]

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(k) SCHUMANN rank - Rat; status - Ausbildungsleiter and Signals Officer,
Kommando IV; [redacted]

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(l) BOHM rank - Komma; status - Leiter Führungszug, Kommando IV; [redacted]

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16. Special Note on March/December 1950 W/Op. Course at LOBAU

There were 38 pupils on the course and a Morse speed of 80 l.p.m. was achieved. [redacted] short range wireless schemes with minimum radiation were held about June/August 1950, but after monitoring by the Leitstelle GROSSENHAIN were discontinued. Codes were taught only at the beginning of the course and on their being discontinued, pupils were told that special coding officers were being trained.

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1. Grenzkommandantur LUTTENRODE

Location: MR Y 010787 in a farm house

Strength not known

The Kommandantur had its own mounted (horse) platoon (Reiterzug).

2. Kommando VECKENSTEDT

Location MR Y 064715 in the inn "Schwarzer Hirsch".

This Kommando was disbanded in Feb 1950 and replaced by a mounted platoon which made visits at irregular intervals.

3. Kommando STAPELBURG

Location in the former Muna huts MR Y 005715 and Y 010712

Strength: Approx. 50 men

Approx. 20 police dogs and an unknown number of bicycles.

4. Kommando ABBENRODE

Located MR X 988746 in HOCIGRAEVE

Strength: Approx. 38 - 40 men

In the Kommando there were several police dogs.

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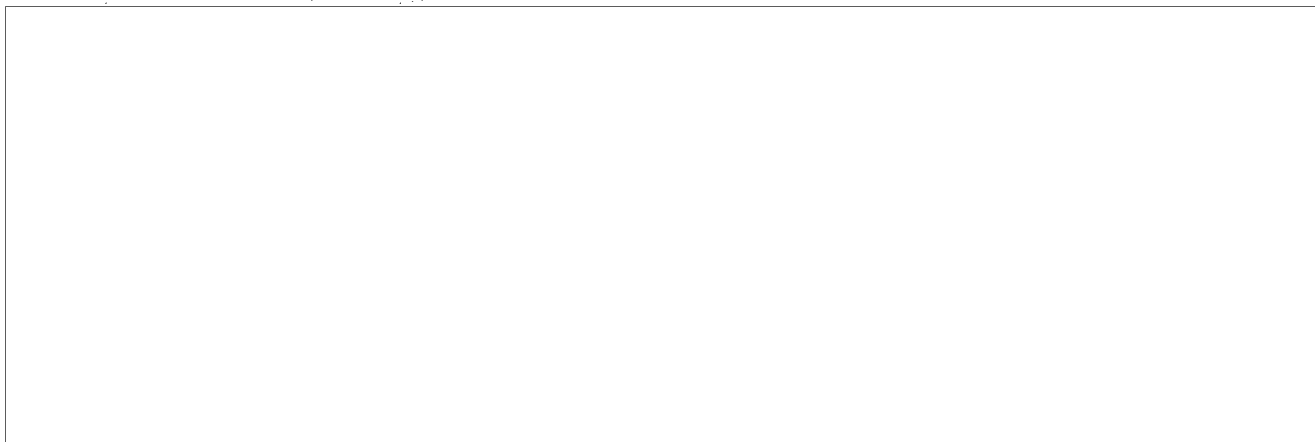
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6. [redacted] in approx. Oct 1950 a Russian commission arrived consisting of 3 or 4 officers and inspected all bridges over the river ILSE at MR Y 058715, Y 060712 and Y 065709. They measured the width of the bridges and estimated the carrying capacity.

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In the village VECKENSTEDT the Russians measured the distance between the houses [redacted] this was done to assure that tanks could pass the streets and the bridges. Simultaneously the Russian officers inspected the three petrol stations at VECKENSTEDT. They investigated about the capacity of the petrol stations and the amount of petrol which could be stored there.

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German Border Police

- a) Grenzlehrbereitschaft ASCHERSLEBEN (D 5757)
- b) Kontroll-Passierpunkt MARIENBORN (Y 2707)
- c) Grenzbereitschaft SALZWEDEL (Y 3078)

1. Grenzlehrbereitschaft ASCHERSLEBEN (D 5757)

Location - Barracks on the east side of the town at D 584575.
Strength - ?

Commander: Pol. Rat ZANDER fnu.
Deputy and P/K: Pol. Rat DETZNER

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[redacted] in the last recruits course held at the school in May 1950 when the strength was 600 approx. The school has since been used for Officer's training courses with the a/n still
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in charge [redacted] 2 Kommissars from Grenzkommandantur ARENDSEE (Y 5282) have been on courses there since the 14.3.51.

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2. Kontroll-Passierpunkt MARIENBORN (Y 2707)

- a) Location - New barracks between the Autobahn and the railway at Y 277070 (-Objekt).
 Strength - 340 approx.
 Commander - Pol. Rat ZANGER fnu.
 P/K: Kom. PIRNERD fnu.

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[redacted] the unit [redacted] was subordinate to Grenzberetschaft OSTERWIECK and that it was composed of various Kommandos located in the barracks.

- b) STAB
 Strength - ?

- c) Schlagbaum Kdo
 Strength - 120 approx.

Three Schlagbaum Kdos of 40 men each were on duty for 12 hrs in turn on the Autobahn barrier with 24 hrs free.

- d) Eisenbahn Kdo
 Strength - ?

- e) Wach Kdo
 Strength - 32

- f) Kriminal Abt.
 Strength - ?

3. a) Grenzberetschaft SALZWEDEL

- Location - ?
 Strength - ?
 Commander - Pol. Rat MATHESIUS fnu.
 P/K - O. Kom. BRAND fnu.
 ? - Kom. LANGE fnu.

Subordinate Kommandanture are located at ARENDSEE (Y 5282) DAHRE (Y 1471) & SALZWEDEL (Y 3078).

b) Grenzkommandantur ARENDSEE (Y 5282)

- Location - 2 houses in the Seehäuser Str.
 Strength - 30 approx.
 Commander - Pol. Rat MOSER fnu.
 P/K: Pol. Rat BRAND fnu.
 Stabschef Kom. LANGE fnu.

Subordinate Kdos are located at AULOSEN (Y 5895), GOLLENSDORF (Y 5641), ZIEMENDORF (Y 5386), KAULITZ (Y 4682) and RIEBAU (Y 3879).

c) AULOSEN (Y 5895), Grenzkommando

- Location - ?
 Strength - ?

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d) GOLLENSDORF (Y 5691) Grenzkommando

Location - ?
 Strength - ?

e) ZIEMENDORF (Y 5386) Grenzkommando

Location - Farmhouse 50 metres from church at Y 527862.
 Strength - 36 approx. with 4 dogs
 Commander - HWM Ernst UNGER, deputising for Kom. HÖPPE
 P/K - HWM SABISCH, fnu. (At present on course at ASCHERSLEBEN)

f) KAULITZ (Y 4682) Grenzkommando

Location - farmhouse at crossroads in centre of village at
 (Y 464821.
 Strength - 34, 3 dogs
 Commander - HWM EREHD, fnu. deputising for Kom. Paul
 SPRENGER (at present on course
 at ASCHERSLEBEN.)
 Area covered - SCHRAMPE/LÜCHOW road at Y 477850 to MECHAU
 at Y433819.

g) RIEBAU (Y 3879) Grenzkommando

Location - ?
 Strength - ?

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4. a) [] all Kdos were to receive 4 horses
 and that stabling had already been requisitioned in KAULITZ.

b) There had been no changes recently in firing instructions and Grenzpolizei were still required to give warning shouts, signal whistle and a warning shot before firing on line crossers. Since the shooting of the 2 Border policemen in Land THÜRINGEN in March 1951, new orders were issued by the Grenzkommandantur ARENDSEE for new patrol paths to be used by all Kdos further back from the zonal demarcation line.

c) Grenzkommando KAULITZ and its 4 posts were visited twice per day by a Russian Lt. from SCHRAMPE (Y 4983) (since some patrols were recently found asleep) and occasionally by a Russian Capt. from SALZWEDEL (Y 3078).

d) Grenzkommando KAULITZ was equipped with model 98 K carbines and 4 model 08 pistols.

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REPORT CONTAINING INFORMATION PRODUCED BY UNKNOWN
THIRD PERSON FROM ROZ.

SUBJECT:- DETAILS OF CIVILIAN PRISONS IN THE ROZ

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2. DETAILS OF "Hauptverwaltung Haftsachen" Volkspolizei

As from August 1950 the administration and general supervision of the civilian prisons in the ROZ was transferred from the "Hauptabteilung Haftsachen" of the Hauptverwaltung deutsche Volkspolizei" to the inaugurated "Hauptverwaltung Haftsachen". This new department of the Ministry for the Interior was under the same control by the Occupying Powers as was the case with other "Hauptverwaltungen". The HQ of the "Hauptverwaltung HS" is situated in BERLIN-Niederschönhausen, Seckendorferstr 31, House 8. All civilian prisons in the ROZ come under the jurisdiction of this HQ.

a) The HQ is divided into the following departments:

Leiter mit Sekretariat
 Vertreter des Leiters und Gesamtaufsicht
 Abteilung Polit-Kultur
 Abteilung Personal
 Abteilung Operativ
 Abteilung Intendantur
 Abteilung Arbeitsverwaltung
 Rechtsabteilung
 VVS (Vertrauliche Verschlusssachen)

b) Personalities in the HQ are:-

Leiter	VOPO Inspektor Karl GERTICH
Dep Leiter	VOPO Inspektor Walter WAGNER
Asst Dep Leiter	VOPO Kommandeur JAUCH
Abtl Ltr. Polit Kultur	VOPO Komm Ernst REICHORN
Abtl Personal	VOPO Komm Frieda SCHLEGEL
Abtl Operativ u Sicherheit	VOPO Komm JAUCH
Abtl Intendantur	VOPO Komm HUTH
Rechts abtlg. Leiter	VOPO Inspektor MARQUARDT
Abtlgs Ltr Verschlusssachen:	VOPO Meisterin CANUS

c) The following civilian prisons come under the jurisdiction and supervision of the above-mentioned HQ of the "Hauptverwaltung HS"

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WALDENHIM (SAXONY)

HOHENECK (Bei STOLBERG/ERZGEBIRGE)

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TORGAU

BRANDENBURG/HAVEL

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LUCKAU

UCKERMÜNDE

In all of the above prisons only political prisoners are interned. Attached to each of the five Police HQ of the Laender there is a branch of the "Hauptverwaltung der H.S" which is responsible for the administration of local prisons, forced labour camps and temporary detention camps.

d) Number of inmates in above-mentioned prisons

Prison	No. of inmates	No. suffering from Tuberculosis	Closed T.B.	Open T.B.
BAUTZEN	4,000	1,640	1,200	440
WALDHEIM	2,000	600	300	300
HOENECK	1,400	100	80	20
UNTERMASSFELD	1,500	600	400	200
TORGAU	4,000	800	500	300
BRANDENBURG	3,500	600	400	200
LUCKAU	1,200	300	225	75
UCKERMÜNDE	not yet occupied			
TOTAL	17,600	4,640	3,105	1,535

) Medical facilities and persons

BAUTZEN: 1 Police doctor, 6 nurses and 4 prisoner doctors. Within two wards there are 600 patients. There is a noticeable shortage of water supply in the hospital

WALDHEIM: There is no doctor and no medical staff attached to the prison. The cleanliness and hygiene of the 18 Century building is appalling. The female inmates have shaved heads

HOENECK: A female prison. Many of the women are suffering from a venereal disease. Since 1 Aug 1950 a police doctor has been attached to the prison.

UNTERMASSFELD: No police doctor. 3 nurses and 3 prisoner doctors

TORGAU: No police doctor, 4 nurses

BRANDENBURG: 1 police doctor, 3 nurses

LUCKAU: Only 2 nurses and 1 prisoner doctor. Cells overcrowded

f) Personalities of Prisons

BAUTZEN: Commander VOPO Inspekteur BAUSCH
Health Officer: VOPO KOMM. Dr. WISCHHUSEN
Security: 100 VOPO guards. 10 watchdogs with electrified wire fence

WALDHEIM: Commander: VOPO Oberrat WILKE
Health Officer VOPO Oberrat MÜLLER
Security: 300 guards

HOENECK: Commander: VOPO KOMM STIRITZKY
Polit Kultur Ltrn: Oberrat TRAPP
Health: 1 doctor, 2 nurses
Guards: 60 women and 20 men.

UNTERMASSFELD: Commander: VOPO KOMM LIPPENT
Guards: 80 men.

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f) General Information

There is no lung specialist for all these prisons to cope with the large number of TB cases amongst the inmates. Medicines and opiates were almost non-existent so that dangerously ill inmates died in terrible agony in some cases. Operations, even in cases of utmost urgency, are not permitted in civil hospitals. The instruction regarding this order was published by the Polit Officer. In many cases untrained doctors and unqualified nurses carried out operations in military hospitals and the patients died through unsatisfactory operations on the part of the doctor. The Polit Kultur Officer was also responsible for the issue of medicines and bandages etc.

In July 1950 there were 100 deaths. The naked corpses were thrown into a mass grave.

Inmates may write to their relatives every 6 weeks but are forbidden to write about conditions in the prisons. The police doctors are ordered for duty in the prisons by the Politburo in most cases against their will.

Since the administration of these prisons has been taken over by the VOPO from the Department of Justice (Russian Occupying Powers) in Feb. 1950, the conditions in the camps, particularly regarding the food and medical treatment, has considerably depreciated.

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V.P.D. 2511 in HÖHENSTÜCKEN

(Sonderabteilung VII - A.F.V.'s)

1. Designation

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the designation of the above-mentioned unit as V.P.D. 2511 in HÖHENSTÜCKEN.

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3. Location

The V.P.D. 2511 is located in the former OPPELWERK Siedlung, approximately 1 km along the road to RATHENAU, i.e. see the location of the former 9 and 10 V.P.B. locations in HÖHENSTÜCKEN.

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the whole V.P.D. overall strength as approximately 2,000, which was broken down into 4 Kommandos and 7 Sonderabteilungen.

5. Breakdown of S/Abt VII (A.F.V.'s)

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the actual strength of S/Abt VII as 116, which was broken down into:-

- a) S/Abt. Stab of 5, which included (i) S/Abt Leiter (ii) P.K. (iii) Innendienst leiter (iv) Intendant, and (v) one clerk (H/Wm);
- b) Drei Züge - (each with a strength 1:36) Each Zug was divided into 3 Gruppen (each with a strength of 1:5) - each Gruppe was sub-divided into two four-man tank crews.

6. A.F.V. strength of S/Abt VII

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the S/Abt VII was to have an eventual establishment strength of 35 A.F.V.'s, which would include 20 Russian T.34 tanks and 10 Russian 7.62 cm calibre self-propelled guns.

7. The actual A.F.V. strength of the S/Abt was:-

- a) One T.34 Tank (delivered to the V.P.D. in January, 51)
- b) One English Bren gun carrier, known as "EDITH"
- c) One Russian 7.62 cm calibre self-propelled gun.

8. A.F.V. training given in the S/Abt VII

No practical A.F.V. training had been given since the training programme began in the V.P.D. on 2 January 51. A.F.V. theoretical training had been given in the following subjects (a) construction and maintenance of T.34; (b) maintenance of the engine; (c) positions of the crews and their individual duties; (d) all A.F.V. training given in the S/Abt VII up to 15 March 1951 had only been a repetition of the training already given during the 1950 training programme.

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9. Personalities serving with S/Abt VII of V.P.D. 2511

- a) ZEGLIN (Hermann) O/Komm. Leiter der S/Abt VII. 50X1-HUM
- b) SOMMER (FNU) Meister P.K. Leiter with S/ABT VII. 50X1-HUM
Unterkommissar
- c) VOGT (Arnold) Kommissar Leiter Zug II. with S/Abt. VII. 50X1-HUM
- d) BAUMGARD Kommissar Leiter Zug I. with S/Abt. VII. 50X1-HUM
- e) Kommissar Leiter Zug III with S/Abt. VII. 50X1-HUM

PART 'B'

VP Dienststelle HOHENSTUECKEN and information
on VP Dienststelle FRIDMERWALD

MR Europe 1:100,000 N7 and K6

1. Location and strength

The VP Dienststelle ~~BRANDENBURG~~-HOHENSTUECKEN was located in the former Opel Works quarters.

Strength approx. 1,200 men, when informant left on 16th Jan 1951.

[redacted] it was intended to increase the strength to at least 2,000 men in the near future.

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2. Organisation and personalities

Commander

Pol. Inspkteur WAGNER

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Deputy and P/K
 Chief of staff
 Ausbildungsleiter
 Einsatzleiter
 Personnel head
 Weapons
 Clothing
 SED secretary and
 propagandist

O. Pol. Rat THIEBISCH
 O. Pol. Rat POTENSEN
 O. Pol. Rat SAENGER
 Pol. Kommandeur PIETZOW
 Kommissar ROTH
 Pol. Meister WISTUWA
 O. Kommissar FLUEGGE

EDJ secretary
 Intendantur head
 Rations
 VVS matters
 Interpreters

Pol. Rat KOLBENSEE
 Pol. Rat SCHWARZMEYER
 Not appointed yet
 Pol. Rat HOFFMANN
 Kommissar HOFFMANN
 Kommissar, name forgotten
 Kommissar } names unknown
 Kommissar }
 HWM
 HWM
 Kommissar WOHLFELD
 Pol. Meister
 Pol. Kommandeur SCHIELKE (former
 Ber. Commander PINNOW)

Post office
 Medical department
 Technical officer

Liaison officer to the HVA
 (Staatssicherheitsdienst)

O. Pol. Rat BITTER (lives at BRANDENBURG,
 Linienstrasse)
 Pol. Rat WOLK

Head of the signals squad

The unit was subdivided into:

4 Infantry Kommandos, each consisting of 3 Abteilungen. The Abteilung had 3 platoons, the platoon 3 squads. The basic strength of the squad was 10 men (one squad leader and 9 men).

7 Sonderabteilungen each 100 men strong.

- a) Tanks - head O. Kommissar ZECHLIN
- b) Artillery
- c) Tank defence
- d) Close-quarters tank defence (Panzernahbekämpfung)
- e) Engineers
- f) Mortars
- g) Anti-aircraft

Each of the Sonderabteilung consisted of 3 platoons.

The establishment strength of the VP Dienststelle was as follows:

4 Kommandos, each 360 men	1,440
7 Sonderabteilungen, each 100 men	700
Staff of unit (compound of M/T squad 50 men, Intendantur 80 men, Staff 55 men)	= 135
Total strength	<u>2,275 approx.</u>

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3. Type of unit

The unit represented a battle unit of basic infantry character.

4. Training

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[redacted] training was renewed as from early Jan 1951. The training target was to prepare all unit members for command of the next higher formation, e.g. squad leaders for platoon leaders, platoon leaders for Abteilung heads etc. Informant heard that this training was to last for approx. 6 months.

Since the new training course started in Jan 1951 the training methods were changed completely and instead using the former German army regulations (Heeresdienstvorschrift) the whole training was carried out on Russian army regulations. [redacted] the following changes in the training.

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a) Basic drill

Instead, as formerly, the hands being extended and flat against the thighs on the command: "Stand Still" (Stillgestanden! Attention!) the fist is now clenched.

Instead of the former drill requiring 3 movements to slope arms (das Gewehr ueber) 4 movements are used now.

Instead of the previous leg movement on the command "Stand Easy" (Ruhrt Euch) now only the knees are bent.

b) Squad exercise

Instead of the former order of attack in an even line with the machine gun situated in the centre of the line and the riflemen moving in a regulated order forward, the new drill permits irregular forward movement.

Instead of formerly carrying the machine gun with the attacking squad, it now remains to the rear as fire cover.

Instead as formerly throwing hand grenades from 50 to 100 metres distance, then lying down and waiting the explosion and after this breaking into the enemy lines, the new drill is to throw the hand grenades standing upright and to start running at once into the enemy lines.

c) Infantry co-operation with tanks

Instead, as formerly, moving close behind the tank, the present infantry squad of 10 men is required to move 10 to 15 metres behind the tank.

Instead of, as formerly, riding on the tank it is now strongly prohibited for the infantry to ride on the tank.

Instead of subordinating the assisting tanks under the command of the assisted infantry unit the present tank units remain permanently independent from the infantry units they are attached to.

d) Tank tactics

The formerly Zugstaerke of 5 tanks was reduced to 3 tanks. The former company strength of 17 tanks reduced to 10 tanks only. The company head is now entitled to use only one tank while formerly he was entitled to have 2 tanks, one spare.

With the newly introduced Russian training scheme the main emphasis was laid on attack and march security. Defence was not taught at all except in its general aspects.

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i) Attack

Trainees were taught that the first tank movement was directed in case of attack to the assembly area. Here the tanks were to be equipped with ammunition, rations, Diesel oil, the engines were to be checked once more and all traces of movement into the area were to be camouflaged. The use of wireless was strongly prohibited here. From here the tank moves to the "Jumping off" position. From the "Jumping off" position the tanks break into the enemy positions. When their task is completed they return automatically to an arranged point which is usually the former assembly area. The use of wireless is only permitted in case of direct contact with the enemy.

The number of tanks attached for assistance of the infantry is not clearly regulated and depends on the number and strength of enemy only.

The present Russian training regulations recognize only two kinds of attack:

The extended firing position (Feuerkette) and
The platoon V-formation (Zugkeil)

In the extended firing position the tanks move at 50 metre distance from each other and 25 m distance in depth. The platoon leader holds the middle position in the platoon, 25 metres behind the two other tanks.

In case of platoon V-formation one tank moves in front of the platoon leader and the other tank in 25 metres depth behind him at a distance of 50 metres from each other.

ii) March security

The new instructions said that a tank unit moves in the following march order:

The platoon - The first tank left road side, the second tank right road side, 50 m behind the first one, and finally the platoon leader on the right road side, another 50 metres behind the second tank. This distance can be shortened to 25 m between the tanks moving in scrub area or through woods.

The company First the advanced platoon consisting of 3 tanks and accompanied by one platoon of engineers in its own vehicles, and with 2 motor cycle dispatch riders. The engineer platoon is attached to clear mines placed on the roads or to strengthen and mend bridges. The motorcycle dispatch riders are used to assure communication with the rest of the formation. This is necessary for the tanks are prohibited from communicating with each other by means of wireless.

The bulk follows in approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 kms distance. Finally the rear-guard consisting of one tank platoon follows at approx. 1.5 km distance. The single tanks of the leading platoon communicate with each other by means of previously agreed flag signals.

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Another new regulation is that each tank unit has to be accompanied by its own equipment to make the unit independent of other formations.

iii) Defence

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[redacted] defence was not taught at all. Unit members were instructed only that in case of defence the tanks were used as stationary fire-points or as roving guns for assistance of the artillery.

Previous training on various types of gun sights is replaced by instruction in the use of the cross-wires sight only.

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[redacted] it was intended to equip the whole VP in the near future with tanks of the following types:

STALIN I
STALIN II or
T 44

5. The equipment of the unit

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[redacted] in December 1950 all model 08 auto pistol and model 38 machine pistols were collected in all VP units (former Bereitschaften only) and brought to SUHL/Thuringen weapon repair shop. Instead of these weapons the former Bereitschaften were equipped with Walter 7.65 automatics or Mausers.

Other equipment held in the unit:

12.5 cm long-barrel anti-tank gun, Russian made - one gun
Another short barrel anti-tank gun - Russian made, calibre unknown
Model 98 K rifles
Model 44 machine pistols
Model 08, 34, and 42 machine guns
Automatic rifles, Russian made
" German made

Further the unit had the equipment of the former 9th and 10th engineer Bereitschaften consisting of:

Assault boats
Pontoons
Towing equip
Planks
Explosives

6. Russian liaison officers

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[redacted] the unit had 5 Russian liaison officers. They were:

1 Inspekteur, army rank: Major, name unknown

Description: Approx. 40 years, 1.70 m tall, stout, dark hair, very short cut, no knowledge of German. Tank specialist

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1 Kommandeur, army rank and name unknown

[redacted] Responsible
for specialized officers training. Tank specialist.

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1 O.Pol.Rat, army rank and name unknown.

[redacted] Tank specialist.

1 O.Pol.Rat.

[redacted] these officers regularly attended the unit. They arrived mostly in the morning and left at night time. [redacted] they had all responsibility for the training, and that all VP officers were subordinated to them, including the unit commander.

When [redacted] colleagues (all former members of the VP school PRIEMERWALD and all recently promoted to the rank of Kommissar), they were all thoroughly checked by these four Russian officers as regard their practical knowledge before appointed to various positions in this unit. By their exact questions [redacted] they were all specialized tank officers.

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In addition one Russian officer in plain clothes was attached to the unit. He was the liaison officer to the MVD and [redacted] his army rank was Sen Lttn.

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7. M/T of the unit

[redacted] the unit had the following vehicles:

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Lorries - 2 HORGH lorries
6 SIS lorries

Cars - 5 cars (one IFA, one new BMW and three OPEL)

Motorcycles 2 (one JAWA and one AVO)

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9. Information on the VP unit at PRIEMERWALD nr. GUESTROW

[redacted] the unit at PRIEMERWALD [redacted]

The unit was at that time subdivided into 10 Companies. 6 of these were used for the training of technical tank officers and 4 Companies for the training of technical engineer officers. For this purpose the unit members had been selected from technical professions only mostly from the vehicle industry of the ROZ. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] a new [redacted] depot with a capacity of 200 000 litres of diesel fuel had been completed at PRIEMERWALD late in Dec 1950. 50X1-HUM

Further PRIEMERWALD is used and was used formerly as the central supply store for T 34 tank parts for the whole ROZ.

New garages had been constructed at PRIEMERWALD with a capacity of the tank equipment for 6 tank Companies.

10. Information on a new police rank and on new police uniforms.

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[redacted] since the introduction of the Russian training methods in the VP units (former Bereitschaften) a new rank was created. This is the rank of an UNTERKOMMISSAR. He wears the silver embroidery at the cap and silver embroidered rectangular collar patch (Spiegel). His shoulder boards are the same as the former Pol. Meister.

The present Pol. Meister is prohibited from wearing silver embroidery on the cap, silver embroidered rectangular collar patches and the former silver stripe across the end of his shoulder boards. Further [redacted] all 50X1-HUM

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other police ranks should wear instead of stars only stripes across shoulder boards. In this case the WM would have one stripe, the OWM two stripes and the HWM three stripes.

[redacted] the tank unit had been equipped meantime with black uniforms consisting of:

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a black jacket in the former VP jacket cut with concealed button holes and gussett in the back
black ski-type trousers and jack-boots.

Infantry unit members were to be equipped with
Khaki coloured uniforms of the present VP-uniform cut, and American type field boots.

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PART "B"

Subject: Schutzpolizei - HALBERSTADT. (Under the Direction
of the Kreis-Amt WERNIGERODE)

LAND : SACHSEN-ANHALT
KREIS : WERNIGERODE
ORT : WERNIGERODE (MR: M52/D16)

1. Location:

The Schutzpolizei is on the ground floor of the administration offices of the former infantry barracks in the Harmoniestrasse. On the first floor the Kriminalpolizei had their offices and on the second floor the motorised Street Police had their headquarters. The remainder of the buildings have been converted into dwelling houses. The grounds are not fenced in but are enclosed by a number of buildings.

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S E C R E T

2. Personalities in the HALBERSTADT Schutzpolizei

Leiter of the Schutzpolizei: Kommissar MENZEL, Frau

PK-Leiter: Kommissar SCHUBERT, Frau

Sektionsleiter: Hauptwachtmeister JAKOBS, Frau

3. Personalities of the Kreis-Amt MERNIGERODE:

Leiter of the Schutzpolizei: Oberrat BAUMGARTEN

PK-Leiter: Oberrat GLAUDITZ

4. Formation:

The Schutzpolizei in HALBERSTADT is split up into eight Bezirke, or districts, each having a Sektionswachtmeister and a Sektionshilfswachtmeister. All eight Bezirke have police stations.

5. General Remarks:

Sektionswachtmeister- and Hilfswachtmeister (the ordinary police and assistant police) must, as part of their service, have a good knowledge of all persons in their district and must carry out a considerable amount of investigation work on a political basis regarding former political prisoners, smugglers, line-crossers, black marketeers and alleged saboteurs. These reports are sent to the Sektionsleiter and he passes them to the

Staatssicherheitsdienst. The Staatssicherheitsdienst in HALBERSTADT is located in the Richard-Wagner Strasse, Bankrath'sche Villa. The OC is Kommissar FRANZENITZ. The Staatssicherheitsdienst in HALBERSTADT is 50X1-HUM known under the popular name "Neue Dienststelle".

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out of the building

Russian officers frequently going in and

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1. Organisation and personalities

The KPA employed a staff of about 170 policemen, including Aussonposten, Einzelposten, Revierleiter, and Meldestellen.

Commander	:	Oberrat Gustav STRAIL,
		aged 42
P/K	:	Pol.-Rat Walter DOEMLAND
Deputy P/K	:	Kommissar Karl MISKE
"Chef Operativ"	:	Kommissar Edmund QUAST
Schupo	:	O.-Kommissar Christian VOLK

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Kripo	:	Pol.-Rat Willi LANGE
Administration	:	Informant
Kraftfahrzeuginspektion:	:	Kommissar Ernst SCHULZ
Staff office	:	O.-Kommissar Paul WEBER

2. Functions of the administration

The functions of the individual departments of the VA at OSTERBURG were as follows:

Va-1 Identity documents and registration (Pass- und Meldewesen)

(1) Notification of arrival and departure of each person at OSTERBURG.

(2) Maintaining the Kreiskartei.

The Kreis OSTERBURG with 116 places and a total population of about 63,000 is divided into 10 registration districts. The individual registration offices are obliged to record to the KPA all arrivals and departures. To keep the Kreis card index in proper order was difficult because all persons fleeing to the West did not, of course, notify their departure. With regard to the forthcoming general elections on 15.10.1950 all efforts were being made to collect in the index all persons having a vote.

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(3) Maintaining the card-index on foreigners.

A copy of each card was sent to the Landesbehoerde of the Volkspolizei at HALLE. Any information on foreigners requested from foreign countries would be given; [redacted]

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(4) Issuing certificates about conduct (Polizeiliche Fuchrungszeugnisse)

The applications were first sent to the competent prosecutor (Staatsanwalt) to be checked there about any punishment passed for criminal offences.

VA-2 Price control

The KPA had to control all shops including the HO shops. In order to control a HO shop special permits were required that were issued by the Landesbehoerde at HALLE. Agriculture and industry were not controlled about prices by the KPA. The KPA had to ensure that all goods in the shops and shop-windows were marked out with prices and that the merchant did not exceed the fixed prices and that the balances and scales were in good order. For this purpose three Kreis controllers were employed with the KPA who were sent to the individual shops in the Kreis.

In case of offences a statement was drawn up by the controller. The head of the VA department was entitled to fine the offender up to 10,000 OM. In addition the profit gained from the offence was seized and delivered to the Polizeikasse, and the shop could be closed. Against a decision of the KPA the merchant had the right of appeal to the Landesbehoerde of the Volkspolizei. The Landesbehoerde at HALLE had complained that in the past three months, of a total of 184 price controls in Kreis OSTERBURG, only 18 offences were found out. In general fines from 1000 to 2000 OM have been inflicted at OSTERBURG.

To the functions of VA-2 belonged also the confiscating of periodicals and pamphlets not licensed. Liable to confiscation were all newspapers and periodicals that were not recorded in the "Zeitungsliste". During the past three months about 5 seizures have taken place at OSTERBURG. About the confiscation of books the KPA was, in each individual case, informed from the Landesbehoerde by teleprinter.

VA-3 Associations and Sects (Vereins- und Sektenwesen)

(1) Registration of the sports associations

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(2) Supervising of the religions sects such as: Jehovah's witnesses or Ernste Bibelforscher, Baptists, Spiritists, Adventists, Christian Scientists, Gemeinde Gottes, Neu-Apostolische, Alt-Katholiken, Methodists. Except for 10 members of the Jehovah's Witnesses no other sectarians were in Kreis OSTERBURG.

Each meeting had to be announced in advance to the KPA, and policemen in plain clothes were obliged to attend the meeting on which a report had to be sent to the Landesbehoerde. Actually no policeman went to the meetings and no report was delivered.

The supervision of the party meetings including the the SED was also a function of the KPA. Reports were required on the number of persons attending, the speaker, the topics of the speeches, the name of persons taking part in the discussion and what was said. The KPA at OSTERBURG has sent no reports to HALLE though this was sometimes complained of by the Landesbehoerde.

Each policeman was obliged to supervise in his district the inns, night clubs, and dancing halls especially if young people under 18 years were joining in a dance there. The policemen were supposed to be well informed on each stranger in his district and on what he was doing and with whom he was associating. He ought to report his observations to the KPA. In fact no reports were delivered.

VA-4 Registration and supervision of former officers and Nazi-activists

This department was being dissolved. In July 1950 its functions were transferred to the SSD.

At OSTERBURG the SSD had been established in Oct. 1949 and was accommodated in the Muehlenstrasse No 5 or 7. There 8 to 10 former Volkspolizisten were employed. The head was Hans HIMMEL, aged 36 - 38.

VA-5 Interzonal passes

To obtain a pass the following documents were required:

(1) Authorized proof that the purpose of the travel was (i) to settle an inheritance or (ii) to visit acutely sick relatives. Ordinary visits to relatives were on principle not permitted.

(2) Certificate from the revenue office that no objections were made.

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(3) Certificate from the Duergemeister that no objections were made by him against the departure.

The written application for an interzonal pass had to be sent to the KPA. Then a questionnaire had to be filled in, which had to be translated into Russian. Furnished with an opinion of the VA leader and signed by the head of the KPA the application was sent to the Landesbehoerde at HALLE. From there the application was sent to the Russian authorities. After three to four weeks the application was returned to the KPA.

From Jan. to July 1950 about 500 interzonal passes were issued in Kreis OSTERBURG. In July 1950 the Landesbehoerde informed the KPA that in future, on principle, no certificates for children going to West Germany were to be issued by the KPA.

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V.P. DIENSTSTELLE 2735 in MEININGEN/Suhl1. Designation

V.P. DIENSTSTELLE 2735 - MEININGEN. The V.P.D. also had the covername "LABORANT" which was always used when answering the duty telephone etc.

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3. Location

The V.P.D. was located in the Main barracks - opposite the main railway station in MEININGEN.

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the V.P.D. 2735 had a further location in Suhl,

4. Organisation breakdown etc.

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the total strength at the MEININGEN location was approximately 1300 - 1400 which were broken down into:

- (a) H.Q. Staff - (approximate strength 50 - 70)
- (b) Three Infantry Kommandos (each with an approximate strength of 325).

there were no Sonderabteilungen stationed at the MEININGEN location.

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5. Breakdown of Infantry Kommandos

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Each Infantry Kommando was divided into five Abteilung and each Abteilung into four Züge. the following classification of the Abteilungen:

Abteilung I - M.F. and assault Infantry

Abteilung II - Snipers (Scharfschützen)

Abteilung III - Heavy machine gun

Abteilung IV - Infantry Engineers and assault Infantry

Abteilung V - Medium mortars divided into two Züge. Each Zug into 3 Gruppen - Amament - three Russian medium mortars - (calibre unknown).

6. The V.P.D. 2735 possessed no heavy equipment at the location in MEININGEN

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7. Intermediate tests held at the V.P.D. 2735

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for the O.R.S. the tests were held between 10 - 15 March. The tests for the V.P. officers were to be held after the Easter leave i.e. after 26 March '51

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8. Personalities serving with V.P.D. 2735

(a) BISEWSKI Kommandeur V.P.D. Leiter;

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(b) BLUBACH O/Rat V.P.D. P/K Leiter;

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(c) LIEDNER O/Rat V.P.D. Stabschef;

(d) WITTERT Kommandeur V.P.D. Lehr und Ausbildungsleiter;

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(e) BALDHUSAR Kommandeur V.P.D. S.E.D. Secretary;

(f) SCHÜHNER Tit V.P.D. Deputy Stabschef;

(g) BERGER Kommissar V.P.D. Adjutant and secretary to V.P.D. Leiter;

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(h) RICHTER O/Komm P/K Leiter Mdo III;

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(i) ZIEGLER O/Komm Ausbildungsleiter Mdo III;

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a) Greco NORD - Grenz Bereitschaft
BAD DOBERAN

1. The Grenz Bereitschaft BAD DOBERAN controls two Grenz Kommandantura (a) in GRAAL and (b) in KLUETZ.

2. The Grenz Kommandantura GRAAL controls 6 Kommandos and two KPF's which included the following (a) Kommando WARNEMUENDE (b) Kommando GRAAL-MUEHRTZ (c) Kommando MARKGRAFENHAELEN (d) Kommando KUEHLUNGSBORN (e) Kommando RERIK (f) K.P.P. ROSTOCK (g) K.P.P. WARNEMUENDE.

3. The Grenz Kommandantura KLUETZ controls 6 Kommandos and one K.P.P. which included the following (a) Kommando BOINSLOFF (b) Kommando STEINBECK (c) Kommando BECKERWITZ (d) Kommando BARENDORF (e) Kommando KIRCHDORF and K.P.P. WESMAR.

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4. [redacted] the Kommandantur KUEHLUNGSBORN had been disbanded in January 1951 and its Kommandos distributed amongst the other two Kommandantura.

5. Strengths

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[redacted] the establish strength for the Kommando was 25 and for the two Kommandantura was 30.

6. Training

The only training given to members of the G.B. Stab was held each Friday afternoon and included (a) PK Indoctrination (two hrs) (b) Weapon Training on Karabine 98K and Pistols 08 (1 hr) (c) General Grenzpolizei Duties (one hr)

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8. Confirmation of disbandment of Abt Grenze in SCHWIERIN.

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[redacted] the Abteilung Grenze in SCHWIERIN had been disbanded with effect from 30 December 1950. All Grenzbereitschaften are from that date administered by the H/Abt Grenze with the HVdVP in BERLIN.

9. Personalities serving with GB BAD DOBERAN

(a) DOERING Rat Informations offizier and M.S.S. representative attached to GB since 15th Jan. 1951. [redacted]

[redacted] The former Informations offizier VP Rat KINDLER left the GB on 1 January 1951.

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(b) HOEFER (fnu)
Kommandeur

G.B. Leiter. [redacted]

The former G.B. Leiter Kommandeur WICHMANN was dismissed from the VP in December 1950. Reasons unknown.

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(c) FISCHER (Fritz)
O/Kommand

G.B. PK Leiter. [redacted] since December

[redacted] The former PK Leiter O/Kommand SCHULZ was transferred to GEFLESWALD in December 1950.

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(d) STEINFURT (Heinz)
Rat.

Leiter Abt K. with G.B. [redacted]

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- (e) MUELLER G.B. Stabschef [redacted] Joined
O/Rat GB in January 1950 from G.B. ELDERS.
- (f) BACHMANN (Hans) G.B. Personal Leiter - [redacted]
Kommissar [redacted]
- (h) LEWALDE (Walter) F.D.J. Secretary with G.B. since December 1950.
Kommissar [redacted]
- (i) GUTSCHOW (Hans) G.B. Instructor - [redacted], Home
Kommissar town ROSTOCK

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- (j) LEHMUECKER Leiter Kommandantur GWAAL. [redacted]
Rat [redacted]
- (k) MESS Stabschef with Kommandantur GWAAL.
Kommissar [redacted]
- (l) SCHIECK PK Leiter with Kommandantur. GWAAL.
O/Kom [redacted]

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- (m) DOMUTH Rat Leiter Kommandantur KLEETZ. [redacted]
[redacted] Home town GRIEFSWALD.
- (n) BUETER Rat PK Leiter from Kommandantur KLEETZ
came from Kommandantur KUEHLUNGSPORN in
January 1951.

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V.P.D. LEIPZIG (2 V.P.B?)1. Designation

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while it was called "VPD LEIPZIG" it was also referred to as "2 VPB SACHSEN"

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3. Location

LEIPZIG-GOHLIS, Georg Schumannstr.

NOTE: there is another VPD at LEIPZIG-GOHLIS, Viertelsweg and still another in another part of the town.

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4. Strength and Organisation

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estimates the strength as being around 2,500.

the unit is divided into Staff, four Kommandos and seven Sonderabteilungen.

all four Kommandos are Infantry ones. listed five of the Sonderabteilungen as being Signals, Armoured, Artillery, Engineers and Mortars.

6. Breakdown of III Kommando

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Kommando has a strength of about 280 and was divided into five Abteilungen, each of which had three Züge and nine Gruppen. The Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Abteilungen are rifle ones, the No. 4 a H.M.G. one, and the No. 5 Abteilung has one Signals Zug and two Engineers Züge.

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7. Heavy equipment

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saw only one AFV in a garage and it was covered up.

the unit had about 7 or 8 guns all of which he claims are 8.8cm ones.

8. Small arms

There are Russian machine guns, tommy guns and carbines as well as German ones in the unit.

9. Training

a member of the H.M.G. Abteilung had more training on the Russian H.M.G.

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As regards shooting practice this training period he claims to have fired a German carbine twice and the H.M.G. 08 (10 shots in 3 bursts) once.

NOTE: the location of the firing range a $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hours ride away from the location.

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10. During this training period four field exercises at Kommando level were held (two during the day, one in the evening, and one at night).

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11. M.T.

Unit holds 8 lorries, all ZIS.

12. Russian Advisors

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[redacted] seen only two; one O/Rat and the other at Rat,

13. Personalitiesa) WALLBAUM rank Kommandeur; status Bereitschaftsleiter;

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b) RIEDEL rank O/Rat; status Lehr-und-Ausbildungsleiter.c) FEUKERT rank O/Komm; status Kommandoleiter (III Kdc);

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d) KALKHOFFER rank O/Komm; status Kommando IK (III Kdc);

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e) BEHNARDT rank Komm; status Kommando Ausbildungsleiter (III Kdc).f) ANJOLZER rank Komm; status Stabschef (III Kdc).

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PART 'B'

VP Dienststelle (Bereitschaft) ERFURT-HENNE, VP Dienststelle KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN, Postfach 44, and personalities at the VP School PIRMA; now HVA communication scheme.

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1. VP Dienststelle (Bereitschaft) ERFURT-HENNE

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[redacted] the former Bereitschaft had been changed into a typical battle group (Kampfgruppe). The strength of this battle group [redacted] was intended to reach the strength of 2,000 men in the near future. The battle groups had been created in close adherence to the Russian battle groups and had [redacted] a structure corresponding to that of the Russian units. Most of the unit was infantry but [redacted] that smaller groups of artillery, engineer, signals and tank personnel existed as well, [redacted] in the unit [redacted] rumours were going around that the strength of the unit was to be increased to 3,000 men and that this would be the normal strength of a future battle group.

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The second VP unit at ERFURT was located at the PETERSBERG and represented a VP school. [redacted] this unit was called a VP Dienststelle to [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition [redacted] the Nachrichtenleitstelle for Land Thueringen, formerly at LANGENSALZA, was situated at ERFURT-PETERSBERG.

2. VP Dienststelle KOENIGSWUSTERHAUSEN, Postfach 44

The unit was located in NIEDERLEHME in the former Paraxol factory at MR V 039318. The unit is directly subordinated to the HVA and represented the signals battalion of the HVA.

Present strength of the unit 150 to 200 men. Intended strength in future up to 3,000 men.

Personalities

Unit commander	Pol. Kommandeur ROELLICH
Deputy and P/K	Pol. Rat HILDEBRANDT
Chief of Staff	Pol. Rat ZIMMER

The unit was subdivided into 3 Abteilungen:

1. Abteilung

Head Kommissar MENZEL
This Abteilung would become a medium wireless unit

2. Abteilung

Head O. Kommissar KLEPCIG
This Abteilung would become a radio-bearing unit and communication unit on the centimetre wave band and would be used as a reconnaissance unit.

3. Abteilung

Head O. Kommissar LUCK
This Abteilung was intended to be used as telephone unit.

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Strength and division of the Abteilungen:

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1. and 2. Abteilung had a strength of 40 men each. The 3. Abteilung was approx. 60 - 70 men strong.

The Abteilung had two platoons, each platoon 2 squads. All members of the 1st and 2nd platoon had been trained at FIRMA signal school. Each of the men was able to transmit and receive between 60 and 120, as a minimum and maximum speed. The average abilities were around 80 for transmitting and receiving. All members of the 1st and 2nd Abteilung were trained on the following transmitters and receivers:

- a) 10 Watt ultra-short-wave receiver and transmitter used formerly in German type tanks
- b) 5 Watt transportable field radio set
- c) 30 Watt medium mobile wireless station
- d) 100 Watt heavy mobile wireless station
- e) Receiver "Berta"
- f) Transportable field radio set "Friedrich" to be used only for RT
- g) Transportable field radio set "Dora"

All mentioned radio sets and wireless stations representing German types.

Technical details on the above mentioned sets and stations:

- a) 10 Watt ultra-short-wave receiver and transmitter
Range:- Telegraphy up to 10 km
Radio-telephony 5 - 7 km
Working between 27.7 Megahertz and 33.4 Megahertz
- b) 5 Watt transportable field radio set
Range: Telegraphy up to 45 km
RT up to 15 km
The set worked between 950 and 3,150 Kilohertz on the medium wave. Used for artillery observers.
- c) 30 Watt medium mobile wireless station
Range: Telegraphy up to 120 km
RT up to 40 km
The station worked between 900 Kilohertz and 3,000 Kilohertz on the medium wave.
- d) 100 Watt heavy mobile wireless station
Range: Telegraphy up to 250 km
RT up to 80 km
The station worked between 200 and 1,200 Kilohertz on the long wave.
- f) Transportable field radio set "Friedrich"
Range: RT only up to 3 km
The set works on the ultra-short-wave band and was used by the infantry only.

All members of the 1st and 2nd Abteilung were trained in the use and construction methods of serials:

- a) L-aerial
- b) T-aerial
- c) Dipole serials

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- d) Crank aerial (Kurbelmast)
- e) Stick-aerial (Stab)
- f) Improvised aerial

All members of the 1st and 2nd Abteilung were trained in the following kinds of radio communication:

a) The star-system of communication (Sternverkehr)

In this system a number of satellite stations existed and one main station. The satellite stations and the main station operate on the same frequency. The main station has its own call signal as does each of the satellite stations. Operation was carried out as follows:

The main station calling satellite station No 1. If for instance the main station has the call signal "ODI" and the satellite station the call signal "IMO" the communication is made by the main station calling the satellite station by its call signal "IMO Kome". This call is answered by the satellite station by using in reply its own call signal again, i.e. "IMO Kome". Communication is established and the message can be passed. The other satellite stations are obliged to listen to this call. Note that it is strongly prohibited for the main station to use its own call signal in communicating with the individual satellite stations.

A collective call is handled. If, differently, for instance, the main station has the call signal "ODI", the satellite station No 1 "IMO", No 2 "SHA" and No 3 "HLS" the execution of a collective call is done in this way: The satellite stations are obliged to repeat the call in sequence, starting with satellite station No 1 and ceasing with station No 3. The main station calls all satellite stations together by giving its own call signal "ODI Kome". The satellite stations answer in the row with their own call signals: station No 1 "IMO Kome", station No 2 "SHA Kome" and station No 3 "HLS Kome". The communication is now established and the main station passes its message. The operation is carried out on one given frequency which is changed every 24 hrs and lasts from 00.00 to 24.00 hrs. In case of special emergency it is permitted to use cross communication, this way one satellite station connecting directly with another. If for instance satellite station No 3 with the call signal "HLS" wants to connect with satellite station No 2 with call signal "SHA" this is done as follows: Satellite station No 3 calls satellite station No 2 by the signal "SHA - DE - HLS Kome". Station No 3 replies "HLS - DE - SHA Kome" and the communication is established.

b) The guide system (Leitverkehr)

This is executed in the same way as the star system of communication (Sternverkehr) on only one frequency, changed every 24 hrs. But here it is strongly prohibited for all satellite stations to directly contact each other.

c) Line communication on 1 frequency (Linienverkehr)

In this kind of communication one call signal and one frequency is appointed for both stations. If the call signal is "GAD" communication is established by one station calling the other one "GAD Kome" and the other station replying "GAD Kome".

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d) Line communication on 2 frequencies (Linienverkehr)

If, for instance, station No 1 has the call signal "OID" and the receiving frequency of 1,150 KHZ and station No 2 the call signal "SHN" and the frequency of 3,120 KHZ (receiving frequency) the communication is executed as follows: Station No 1 calls station No 2 on the frequency 3,120 KHZ with its own call signal "OID Komme", station No 2 answers on the frequency 1,150 KHZ with its call signal "SHN Komme". Communication is thus established. This kind of communication assures somewhat greater security in that the enemy will probably hear only one part of the interchange, the other part remaining secret to him.

e) Circle communication (Kreisverkehr)

This is executed on one frequency only. If, for instance, station No 1 with the call signal "OID" wants to call station No 3 with call signal "SHN" this is done as follows:

Station No 1 calls station No 3 by using call signal "SHN - DE - OID Komme", station No 3 answers station No 1 with "OID - DE - SHN Komme".

f) Net communication (Netzverkehr)

This is executed by using a separate frequency for each station and each station being in possession of one transmitter and 2 receivers. If, for instance, station No 2 with frequency of 2,780 KHZ and call signal "MOK" wants to contact station No 3, frequency 950 KHZ and call signal "NES", this is done as follows:

Station No 2 calls station No 3 on the frequency 950 KHZ with the call signal "MOK Komme", station No 3 replies on frequency 2,780 KHZ with call signal "NBS Komme". If a third station on the frequency 1,170 KHZ and with the call signal "ROH" now calls station No 2 on the frequency 2,780 KHZ with its own call signal "ROH", station No 2 is unable to answer this call, although it receives it, due to the fact that as each station has only one transmitter, No 2's is at the time engaged on the call to station No 3. When "ROH" does not receive an answer it knows that station No 2's transmitter is engaged on another call and will then wait until station No 2 itself calls.

g) Cross communication

If, in battle, the enemy breaks into the defended line stations are permitted to contact in cross communication, although they belong to various communication groups, and normally have no connection with each other. As one communication group is in possession of the daily frequency and call signals of its neighbouring groups it is able to contact with them, but this is permitted only in exceptional cases.

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[redacted] all Other Ranks of the signals were prohibited from coding messages. The coding of messages is permitted only to VP officers. This plan was adopted to exclude radio operators from knowledge of the contents of their messages and to assure a greater secrecy. This order was issued by the HWA late in the year 1950.

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[redacted] all members of the 1st and 2nd Abteilung were further instructed that the 100 Watt heavy mobile wireless station could be operated on reduced power. Accordingly it was worked with only 10 Watt and could be used for

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telegraphy at a distance up to 40 kms.

All unit members had been trained in the maintenance of all mentioned wireless apparatus.

[redacted] a new "culture building" was under construction at NIE-50X1-HUM
DERLEHME with a capacity of approx. 2,000 seats. Existing buildings were reconstruct-50X1-HUM
ed and converted into billets. [redacted] most of the buildings could not
be entered due to a very pungent smell of unknown origin. [redacted] the factory
had formerly produced poison gas for war purposes and it is likely that the present
smell can be traced to this. The whole area to be used by the future HVA signal
batallion is approx. 1.2 square km wide.

The present communications (telephone) between the unit at NIEDERLEHME and
the HVA at BERLIN-ADLERSHOF lead via the Western Sectors of BERLIN, therefore all
important messages were delivered by couriers. The HVA had the cover name "Einheit"
the unit at NIEDERLEHME the name "Blitz" [redacted] in February 1951. 50X1-HUM

At NIEDERLEHME, besides the signal unit, all couriers from HVA were billeted. 50X1-HUM
[redacted] each courier vehicle was accompanied by one courier officer
and 1 O.R. These officers and O.R.s lived at NIEDERLEHME. When they had to drive a
courier route they were fetched by their courier vehicles at NIEDERLEHME. [redacted]

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All members of the signal unit at NIEDERLEHME were used [redacted]
[redacted] In January 1951 the first
10 Watt ultra-short-wave receiver and transmitters arrived and unit members were
told that their training would start soon. Other equipment was not available in the
unit. [redacted] it was not clearly decided what to make of
this unit. 50X1-HUM

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3. Information on personalities of the VP School TIRNA

The former VP School head Pol.Inspekteur WELZ was transferred to the VP
Dienststelle at KLETZ where he was appointed commander of this unit since December
1950. The former Ausbildungsleiter Pol.Inspekteur REIMANN replaced at the HVA the
former department head for the signal equipment in the ROZ Pol.Inspekteur MOELLER
who was discharged from the police in December 1950.

4. New communication scheme of the HVA

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[redacted] it was intended to
build a new wireless communication system between the HVA at BERLIN and its sub-
ordinate units, the Nachrichtenleitstellen in every Land and the former Bereitschaft-
ton, now VP Dienststellen or "Battle groups". For this purpose the HVA would be
equipped with a heavy wireless station which would work on one appointed frequency
called "A", for receiving messages.

All 5 Nachrichtenleitstellen would be equipped with medium wireless stations
working on the receiver frequency "B". The communication between the HVA and the
Nachrichtenleitstellen would represent a star system of communication (Sternver-
kehr). The Nachrichtenleitstellen would contact each other by means of the cross
communication (Querverkehr).

All subordinated VP Dienststellen would be equipped with light or ultra-
short-wave receivers and transmitters, depending on the distance from the Nachrich-
tenleitstelle and the earth conditions (flat or hills). They would work on their

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own receiving frequency "C". The VP Dienststellen would not be permitted to contact each other by means of cross communication but would work together with their Nachrichtenleitstelle on the Guido system (Leitverkehr).

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[redacted] the HVA had tried a 80 Watt wireless station for this but the range was unsatisfactory. The various VP Dienststellen in the ROZ would be able to contact the HVA only via their Leitstellen as well as any other VP Dienststellen in the various Lands. [redacted] the wireless stations at the Nachrichtenleitstellen would be used in the first instance in case of alarm "2" and "3".

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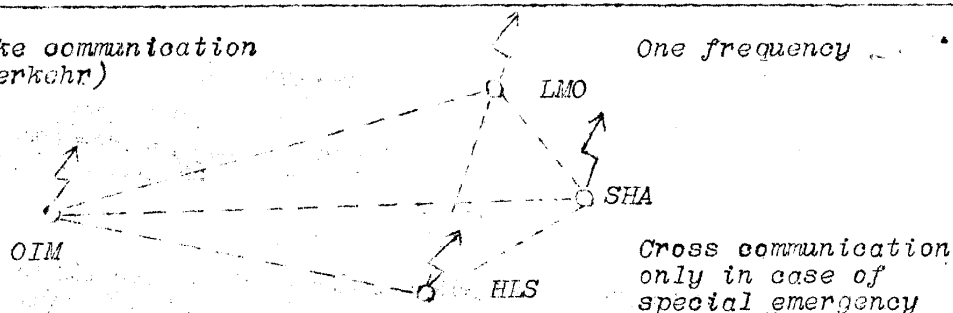
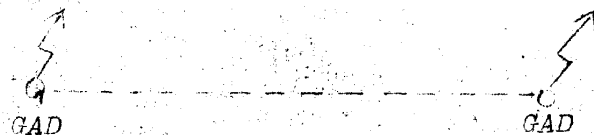
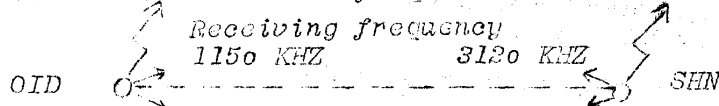
It is clear that the HVA intends to make her Nachrichtenleitstellen and other subordinated VP Dienststellen in the 5 Lands of the ROZ independent of the telephone or courier communications as soon as the required stations and other equipment is available.

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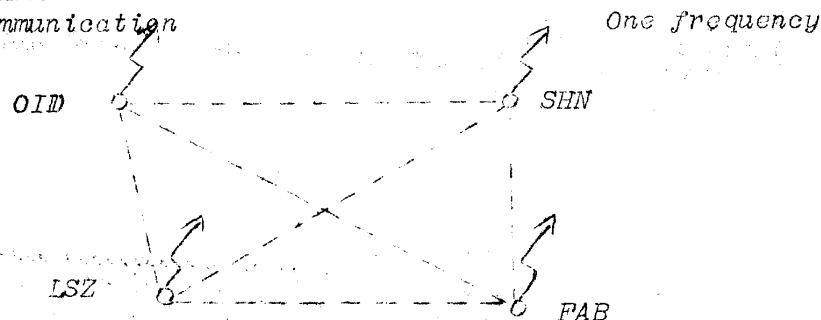
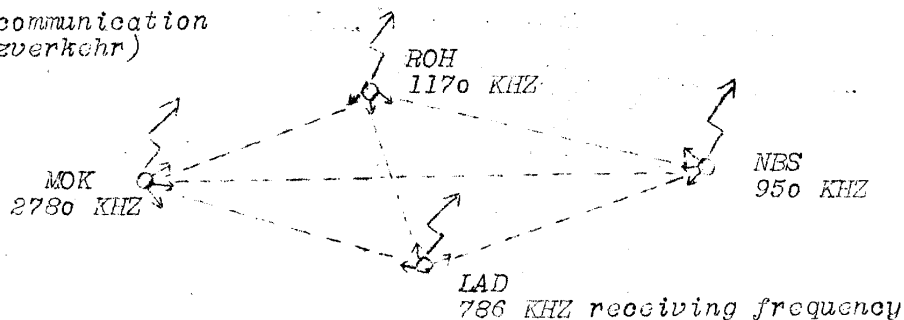
- a) Star system
 - c) Line communication on 1 frequency
 - d) Line communication on 2 frequencies
 - e) Circle communication
 - f) Net communication
 - g) Cross communication
- and a sketch of the intended wireless communication of the HVA BERLIN.

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a) **Star like communication**
(Sternverkehr)c) **Line communication on one frequency**d) **Line communication on two frequencies**

Transmitter

Receiving frequency

c) **Circle communication**f) **Net communication**
(Netzverkehr)

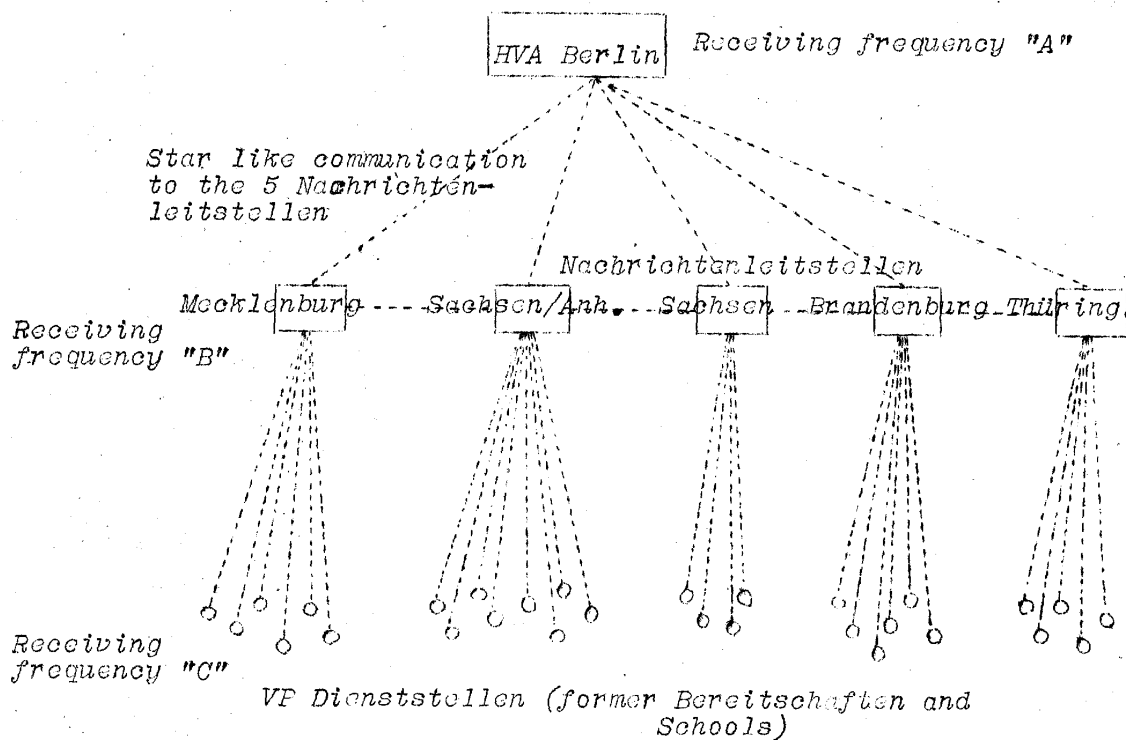
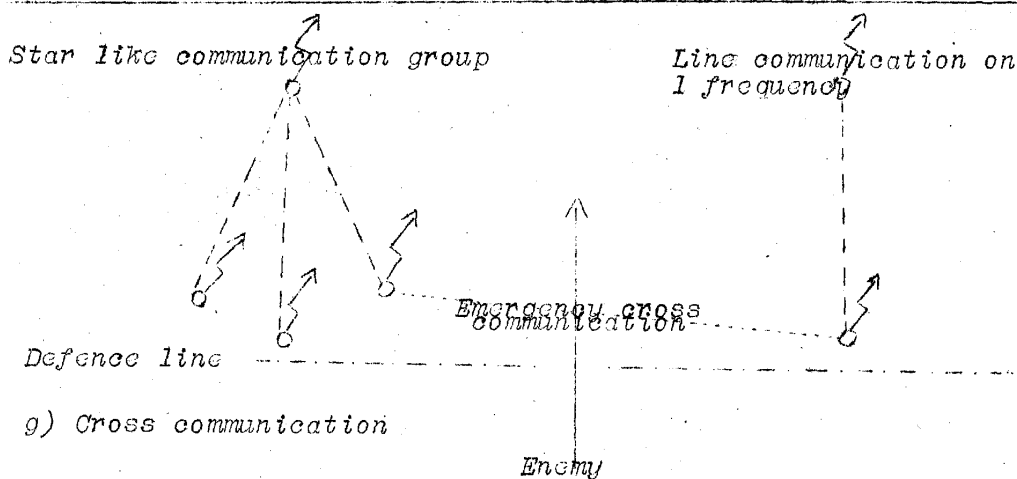
Each station

Transmitter

Receiver

Receiver

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Star like communication from the Leitstellen to the subordinated VP Dienststellen. No cross communication between the single VP Dienststellen.

Cross communication between the single Nachrichtenleitstellen.

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PART 'B'

VP. Amt (Trapo) MAGDEBURG and Kriminalrevier III HALBERSTADTVolkspolizei Amt (Trapo) MAGDEBURG

Located: MAGDEBURG, Schloissufer 24

Commander	O. Pol. Rat SKETDE
Deputy and P/K	O. Kommissar WEBER
Personnel department	O. Kommissar SCHELLHEIMER (female)
Intendantur	Kommissar LENZ (female)
SED Secretary	Kommissar WALKA
Zugbegleitkommandos	Kommissar NAST
Betriebsschutz	Pol. Rat KRAPPE
Kripo head	O. Pol. Rat THIERSFELDER

2. VP Amt (Trapo) MAGDEBURG, Kripo department

Located: MAGDEBURG, Elb-Bahnhof

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Head	O. Pol. Rat THIERFELDER (at present attending a Kripo course at ARNSDORF Kripo school)
Deputy	O. Kommissar SCHOELLIG
Kommissariat A	Kommissar SOSNA
" B	" MAYER
" C	" HAUSMANN
" E & F	" RICHTER

3. Kripo Revier III HALBERSTADT

Located at the railway station.
Strength: 9 men

Head	Pol. Meister KONZACK
Adviser for department B	" KROEHNERT
" " C	OMI JURA
" " E & F	Not appointed yet (the department was still built up)

The Kripo members were responsible for dealing with the following cases:

- a) Accidents on the railway and in the railway station area
- b) Thefts on the railway and in the railway station
- c) Investigation of persons without valid railway tickets
- d) Checks and controls on persons entering and leaving the railway station

All political cases, cases of weapon-possession, suspicion of espionage or sabotage in the railway-owned works were reported at once to the railway Staats-sicherheitsdienst unit at MAGDEBURG and were investigated by this unit.

The controls on the railway trains were carried out by the Zugbegleitkommando which were directed by the VP Amt (Trapo) MAGDEBURG.

4. Other Trapo units at HALBERSTADT

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[redacted] besides the Kripo revier the following units were also located in HALBERSTADT:

a) Transportstelle

Located in the railway station
Strength: Approx. 60 men
Head: O. Kommissar FETT

b) Betriebsschutz

Located in the Reichsbahn-Ausbesserungswerk (RAW) HALBERSTADT.
Strength not known
Head: Pol. Meister SOPART

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The Betriebsschutz was centrally directed by the VP Amt (Trapo) MAGDEBURG and was responsible for the guarding of the following railway-owned works:

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|----|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| a) | Reichsbahnausbesserungswerk | (RAW) | HALBERSTADT |
| b) | " | (RAW) | BLANKENBURG |
| c) | Reichsbahnbetriebswerk | (RBB) | HALBERSTADT |

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PART 'B'

VP Amt (Trapo) MAGDEBURG and Kriminalrevier IV STENDAL

1. Volkspolizeiamt (Trapo) MAGDEBURG

Located: MAGDEBURG, Schloßufer 24

Commander: O. Pol. Rat SKEIDE

Subordinate to the VP Amt were the following units:

a) Transportleitstellen at:

Leitstelle MAGDEBURG

" GUESTEN
" HALBERSTADT
" STENDAL
" SALZWEDEL
" EISELEEN

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b) Kriminalreviere at:

Kriminalrevier I ~~MAGDEBURG~~
Head Kommissar KALEDAT

Kriminalrevier II ~~COESTEN~~
Head Kommissar ARNDT

Kriminalrevier III ~~HALBERSTADT~~
Head Pol.Meister KONZACK

Kriminalrevier IV ~~STENDAL~~
Head Kommissar BRUNTSCH

Kriminalrevier V ~~SALZWEDEL~~
Head Pol.Meister Bruno PLIQUET

Kriminalrevier VI ~~EISLEBEN~~
Head Not known

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[] the former Inspektionen had been disbanded in October 1950, their strength reduced and their name changed to "Transportleitstellen". At every place where a Kriminalrevier exists a Transportleitstelle exists too.

Between October 1950 and 31st Dec 1950 a high number of Trape members were discharged from the police. They were selected for discharge on grounds of: Close relationship with persons in the West Zones; Former Western captivity; or suspicion of political unreliability. The official reason given for these discharges was that more man-power was needed for the 5-years plan.

2. Kriminalrevier IV STENDAL

Strength: 7 men

Location at the railway station:

Head	Kommissar BRUNTSCH
Adviser for department B	Not known (formerly Pol.Meister PLIQUET)
" " " C	OWI BEIS
" " " E/F	Informant

3. Other Trape units at STENDAL

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[] besides the Kripo Revier the following were located in STENDAL:

a) Transportleitstelle

Located in the railway station

Strength: approx. 30 men

Head: Pol.Meister Gerhard BERICKE

b) Betriebsschutz

Strength: Approx. 40 to 45 men

Head: Pol.Meister WEDLER

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The Betriebsschutz was responsible for the guarding of the following railway-owned works:

- a) Reichsbahn-Ausbesserungswerk (RAW) STENDAL
- b) Zweigstelle STENDAL-OST

4. Railway SSD unit at MAGDEBURG

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[redacted] Believed to be in the vicinity of the
Pol.Praesidium MAGDEBURG.

Strength of the unit not known.

Commander of the SSD unit
Deputy

O.Pol.Rat Hermann KLEINE
Pol.Rat GRABAU
Both former members of the VP Ant (Trapo)
MAGDEBURG

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[redacted] these SSD members never attended the single Reviere but dealt with all cases mostly at MAGDEBURG. They concerned themselves with the following cases:

- a) Weapon possession
- b) Espionage suspicion
- c) Sabotage suspicion in the RAW or RBB.

5. Railway SSD member at STENDAL

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[redacted] the HWM Willi HAGEDORN was responsible member of the railway SSD for the Transportleitstelle, Kriminal-Revier and Betriebsschutz at STENDAL. He was directly subordinated to the railway SSD unit at MAGDEBURG, visited the unit very often, and dealt with all cases concerning the SSD at STENDAL. The ordinary railway Kripo was responsible for reporting all cases of interest to him and he took all further steps.

6. Staatssicherheitsdienst unit at STENDAL

Located: Seestrasse 4
Strength: Approx. 8 to 10 men

[redacted] this SSD unit was independent of the railway SSD and worked complete separately.

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RING UM BERLIN GRENZ BEREITSCHAFT FALKENSEE1. Strength and Breakdown

The G.B. FALKENSEE controls the following three Grenz Kommandantura.

I. G.K. FALKENSEEKommandos

- (1) SCHONWALDE
- (2) FALKENSEE
- (3) DALGOW (KPP ReichStr
5)
- (4) DALGOW
- (5) WUSTERMARK
- (6) NAUEN

II. G.K. GROSS GLIENICKEKommandos

- (1) SEEBURG
- (2) GROSSGLIENICKE
- (3) SAGROW
- (4) NEEDLITZ (Water KPP)
- (5) POTSDAM

III. G.K. HENNIGSDORFKommandos

- (1) SEEBURG
- (2) NIEDERNEUENDORF
- (3) VELTEN
- (4) NIEDERNEUENDORF

2. The actual strength of the G.B. Stab in FALKENSEE is 37 and the establishment strength 40. Kommandantura actual strength is between 35 - 40 with an establishment strength of 38. The actual strength of between 30 - 35 and an establishment strength of 38.

3. In October 1950, the following Kommandos were disbanded, the personnel being distributed throughout the Kommandos of the same Kommandantur. Those controlled by G.K. FALKENSEE were (a) FALKENHUE (b) SEEGERFELD. Those controlled by G.K. GROSSGLIENICKE (a) KPP POTSDAM (BRUECKE DER EINHEIT). Those controlled by Kommandantur HENNIGSDORF (a) KREMEN (b) Kommando HENNIGSDORF (c) HOHENSCHOPPING. The Kommando HOHENNEUENDORF with a strength of 37, was transferred from Kommandantur HENNIGSDORF to Kommandantur SUMMIT of G.B. BLUMBERG.

4. In Oct/Nov 1950 between 35 and 40 members of the G.B. FALKENSEE were transferred to the AMT FUER WAGENKONTROLLE in BERLIN and approx. 20 - 30 were returned to their Home town V.P.K.As.

5. The [] recent duty order [] dated 20 December 1950 which called upon all members of Ring Um BERLIN to make special efforts to hinder the smuggling of all newly rationed foodstuffs to the Western Sectors of BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

6. Personnel serving with G.B. FALKENSEE STAB

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(a) MASCHLANKE

Kommandeur

G.B. Leiter since middle October 1950.

(b) GLASER

O/Rat

G.B. PK Leiter since April 1950

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- (c) WAHNER O/Komm. G.B. STABSCHIEF. Since Oct 1925.
- (d) KOCH (Herbert) Kommissar G.B. SED Secretary.
- (e) HATTENSTEIN O/Komm. G.B. Personalchef since June 1950.
- (f) WEICHERT (Helmut) O/Komm. G.B. Instrukteur.
- (g) KULISCH (Erwin) Kommissar G.B. FDJ Secretary since Oct 1950.
- (h) BEER O/Komm. Leiter Abt.K at G.B. Stab.

7. Personalities Serving with Grenz Kommandantur FLAKENSEE

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- (a) ZOHLER Rat G.K. leiter.
- (b) GUNTHER Rat G.K. PK Leiter since Feb 1950.
- (c) SCHWAMM (Walter) O/Komm. G.K. Stabschef.
- (d) OLDENBURG Komm. G.K. Abt. K leiter.

8. Personalities serving with Grenz Kommandantur GROSSGLIENICKE

- (a) ROBBIG Komm. G.K. leiter.
- (b) NESTLER (Rudi) Rat G.K. PK Leiter
- (c) HINSEL (Gerhard) O/Komm. G.K. Stabschef.

9. Personalities serving with Grenz Kommandantur HENNINGSSDORF

- (a) BIELER Rat G.K. leiter.

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- a) Grenzpolizei RING UM BERLIN,
Grenzbereitschaft BLUMBERG.

4. Breakdown

The Grenzbereitschaft BLUMBERG controls Kommandanturen at SUMMT, BLUMBERG, and SCHÖNEICHE. The Kommandantur SUMMT controls Kommandos at:-

GLIENICKE (Werdbahn)
 SCHILDOW (K.F.P.)
 SCHILDOW-MÄNCHENHÖHE
 HOHENNETENDORF
 GRANIENBURG
 BASDORF (K.F.P.)

5. Strengths

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 Grenzbereitschaft is almost up to established strength (Bereitschaft staff about 40, Kommandantur staff about 30, and Kommandos about 38 each), making just under 700.

6. Armament

Only carbines and pistols.

7. M.T.

The Kommandantur SUMMT has one car, 2 m/c's, and 5 bicycles. Each of the Kommandos has a bicycle.

8. Horses and dogs

This force has no horses or dogs.

9. Training

In the Kommandos and other offices 4 hours practical and 4 hours political.

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10. Personnel

Tendency is for married men to be returned to their local VPKA's and their places taken by single men.

11. Personalities

- a) BORN who was Kommandeur and G.B. Leiter, has been relieved of his post, [redacted]

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- b) KOLLAT rank O/Rat; status FK Leiter; [redacted]
 held present post since September 59.

- c) UHLE rank O/Rat; status Stabschef; [redacted]

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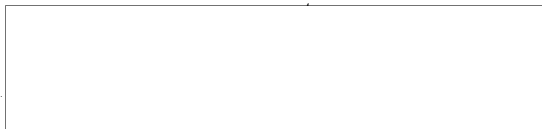
- d) HERZLIEB rank Rat; status Leiter Kripo; [redacted]

- e) KESSLER rank Kommissar; status Instrukteur
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- f) KATZMIRACK rank Kommissar; status Inst
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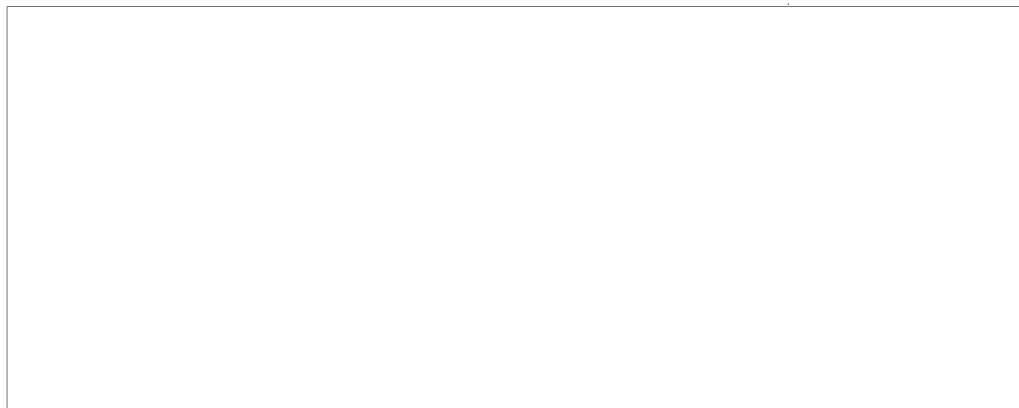
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- (i) Bridge: x
- (ii) Volkspolizei: x x
- (iii) Town Plan & Barracks: x



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2. BRIDGE:

The Elbe Bridge (ELBEBRÜCKE) in PINNA (R 8/F 3580), a reinforced concrete bridge resting on 2 piers at right-angles, for railway, road vehicles and foot-passenger traffic, has been completely

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repaired. The second railway track has not yet been built in, this having originally been torn up by the Russians at the end of the war.

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3. VOLKSPOLIZEI:

(a) In the former Infantry Barracks in PIRNA (R 8/F 357762), along the street leading to ROTTWEINDORF (R 8/F 370765), erected about 1938, there is at present a school for Volkspolizei officer cadets. The barracks are being extended by the addition of a new building. Fronting the street there stands a white plastered barrack block about 70 m long with two upper storeys and a slate roof and at the gateway on the left-hand side there is a small guard-house. The guard consists of 7 men with one armed sentry at the entrance. In the barrack square at the back there is a long garage building and on the short right-hand side of the barracks area, that is to say at right-angles to the main building on the street, there is a new building with one upper storey about 100 m long under construction. At present there are also 2 sentries on guard there. The whole area is fenced in.

(b)



this small village was always brightly lit up at night, even during the electricity cuts, and [redacted] Volkspolizists were constantly going to and coming from the place.

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4. TOWN PLAN & BARRACKS:

(a) The old former Infantry Barracks in PIRNA (R 8/F 3580), also along the main road to ROTTWERNSDORF but nearer to the outskirts of the town, is at present being used as accommodation for refugee families.

(b) There is now a new post-war town plan of PIRNA

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V.P.D. SCHERIN - 1723 (in particular its
1st Recce - Sonderabteilung)

1. Designation

V.P.D. 1723.

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3. Location

STERN BUCHHOLZ (9 Km. from SCHERIN on East side of road SCHERIN-LUDWIGSLUST. there are about 350 civilian workers employed converting sheds into barrack rooms.

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4. Strength and new recruits

Strength is estimated as about 2,000 which includes about 200 new recruits. Recruits are found by the Unit personnel but appear to be confined to F.D.J. members. Recruits were still arriving at the end of April, 1951.

5. Organisation

Unit is composed as follows:-

Staff	-	(strength about 150)
M.T. Section	-	(strength about 60)
I, II, III Kdos. - INF	-	(each about 350)
IV Kdo. - ARTY.	-	(strength about 350)
1 S/Abt. - RECCE	-	(strength is 53)
2 " - SIGS	-	(strength about 60)
3 " - ENCS	-	(strength about 120)
4 " - A/TK	-	(strength about 65)
5 " - A.A.	-	(strength about 65)
6 " - HY. MORTAR	-	(strength about 65)
7 " - A.F.V.	-	(strength is 134)

6. Heavy equipment

1 Tank (Russian T.34)

1 Recce Car ("Bobbie" believed British; 4 wheeler, 2 man crew, open moveable turret with M.G. mounting)

1 Carrier ("Edith" believed British; apparently Universal Carrier)

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- 3 A/Tk guns (Russian, 7.62 cm)
- 3 Infantry guns (Russian, 10.2 cm)
- 3 Mortars (Russian, 8.2 cm)

7. Other Armament

No German Mortars. German Machine guns (34; 42; 08/15) and Russian L.M.G.'s (D.P.). German Machine Carbines (38; 40; 44) and Russian Machine Carbines (hanging drum mag model). German rifles (98 K) and Russian rifles (ordinary 5 shot mag model and 10 shot self-loading snipers model). German pistols (08; 38; Walther) and Belgium pistols (7,65).

8. M.T.

- 7 lorries (ZIS, HORCH, and DIESEL)
- 8 cars
- 17 M/c's (14 BMW's 350 cc; 2 AWO; 1 JAWA)

9. Breakdown of No. 1 (Recco) S/Abt

[redacted] this component was up to its establishment strength of 53 and was broken down as follows:-

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S/Abt Staff (7 all ranks)

O.C.	(O/Rat)
Political officer	(Rat)
Technical officer	(Rat)
Training officer	(Rat)
Sergeant-major	(Meister)
Clerk	(O/Wm)
Medical orderly	(H/Wm)

No. 1 Zug - M/c's - (18 all ranks)

Zugführer	(O/Komm)
3 Gruppenleiter	(2 Meister and 1 U/Komm acting deputy Zugführer)

No. 2 Zug - M/c's (16 all ranks)

Zugführer	(O/Komm)
3 Gruppenleiter	(2 Meister and 1 U/Komm acting deputy Zugführer)

No. 3 Zug - ARC's (10 all ranks)

Zugführer	(O/Komm)
3 Gruppenleiter	(all U/Komm)

Wartungsgruppe - Maintenance (2 all ranks)

Note: Ranks given are those in the establishment but officials holding them have not yet been promoted.

10. Intended equipment scale (1 S/Abt)

No. 1 Zug	8 M/c's (solo)
	4 L.M.G.'s
No. 2 Zug	6 M/c's (solo)
	2 L.M.G.'s
	4 Snipers rifles
No. 3 Zug	3 Recco cars, each mounting one machine gun.

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Maintenance Group 1 M/c combination.

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Note: [] there will only be one W/C set in the S/Abt in order that it can remain in contact with the Regimental H.Q.

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11. [] information detailed in paras 9 and 10 in a GVS graded document issued by the H.V.A. in December 50, and signed by Gen. Insp. HOFFMANN and Chef Insp. HEITSCH.

12. Present equipment scale (1 S/Abt)

1 Reece Car
12 M/c's (BMW)
36 Cycles (MIFA)

4 Machine Guns (Russian DP)
16 Machine Carbines (German 38 & 44)
2 Snipers Rifles (Russian)
16 Rifles (German, 98K).

13. Training (1 S/Abt)

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[] the following periods allotted to subjects for the month of May 51:-

Political Indoctrination	32 hours
Tactics	28 "
Technical training	27 "
Arms instruction	12 "
Map reading	10 "
Parking drill	6 "
Signals training	6 "
Supply details	6 "
Drill	3 "
Sport/P.T.	3 "
Discipline Code	3 "
Engineers training	2 "
Chemical warfare ('Gasordnung')	2 "
First Aid	1 hour

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[] the training was divided into three groups, the drivers getting more technical instruction, the machine gunners getting more arms instruction, and the Gruppenleiter getting more signals instruction.

14. In the first training quarter year (Jan-Mar) Tactics had consisted mainly of general infantry tactics and the broad principles of recco work. In the second training quarter (April-June) the following four subjects are to be dealt with:-

- i) The M/c troop supported by recco car on recco work.
- ii) The recco squadron (Abteilung) on the march.
- iii) The recco squadron in the attack.
- iv) Tasks of the recco squadron in destroying enemy airborne troops.

Each subject is allotted a 2-hours lecture, 4 hours discussion on the sand-table, and 8 hours practice (usually push cycles only).

15. Technical training has consisted of details of the M/c and recco car motors and their maintenance. [] the technical officer was

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responsible for this training, and [redacted] the policemen were very weak on this subject.

16. Arms instruction has been given on the weapons listed in para. 12 above, but there has been no shooting practice this year, not even with small bore rifles.

17. Map reading had included practical work such as marching by compass (also one night exercise), preparation of fire plans, and the use of maps in conjunction with hand sketches.

18. Parking drill has been only theoretical and dealt with the citing and camouflage of temporary and semi-permanent laggers.

19. The Signals training was given by an officer from the 2 S/Abt who brought one pack set with him.

20. Details on Supply dealt with the line of supply and the spacing.

21. Chemical warfare training was confined to that contained in the former Heeresdienstvorschrift 130 II A. The unit possesses no C.W. equipment, not even an old gas-mask for practice purposes.

22. Driving instruction

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[redacted] that this is to begin in July 51 in the various units.

23. Summer training camp

The unit training officer announced on 2 or 3 May that the unit would use a summer training camp at GOLDBERG/Güstrow. The I Kdo, together with the 2 and 3 S/Abt would move out there on 8 or 9 May for a 4 weeks period; would be followed by the II and III Kdos for a similar period, and then the IV Kdo, 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 S/Abt would move out during the third 4-week period. Personnel were to have three days' leave before leaving for camp, where there would be no leave or evening passes.

24. [redacted] at the end of April 51 the unit C.O. told the training officers of sub-units that he had tried to arrange combined training with the Red Army but that this had been rejected "because the training and ideological development is not yet far enough advanced". The C.O. is, however, reported to have said that sufficient equipment for training in the summer camp would be made available by the Red Army.

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25. Party Organization

There is a 'Grundeinheit' in each Kommando and Sonderabteilung. The 'Grundeinheiten' in the Kommandos are divided into 'Untergruppen'. Elections took place in Dec. 50. At that time there were only 3 SED members in the 1 S/Abt, but they have been joined by 7 SED candidates. The names of the officials for the Central Committee of the Bereitschaft were all put forward by the Staff ("Bereitschaftsleitung") and can now be regarded as democratically elected. There are only full time party secretaries in the H.Q. and in each Kommando.

26. At the end of April 51 unit party secretaries were told by the unit P.K. Leiter that it is intended to send them to WEST BERLIN in August 51 to counter-act defection from the V.P. and F.D.J. during the World Youth Festival by patrols in civilian clothes.

27. Morale

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[redacted] the morale is poor and that the main reason is the complete change to Russian tactics and form of barrack regulations.

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(The removal of lockers from the barracks rooms has been carried out but the change over to Russian meal times - Breakfast at 10.00, Mid-day meal at 16.00, and Supper at 22.00 hours - lasted only three days). Additional reasons are the poor food and accommodation and the fact that policemen normally have to wash their own underwear, etc. [redacted] the majority of the policemen have now recognised that the DDR/VP system is a dictatorial one.

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28. [redacted] six cases of dishonourable discharges this year (2 officers and 4 OR's), but three of them were allegedly for illegal sale of scrap metal. Normally there are 5/6 men serving sentences in the unit cells mainly for overstaying leave or disobeying orders. (At one officers' conference it was stated that a large number of officers were being forced to do what their juniors wanted them to do).

29. General

Policemen normally go to SCHWERIN when they are free. Train timings are:-

dept STERN	BUCHHOLZ	15.20 (Saturday, Sunday)
"	"	17.20 (Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday)
"	SCHWERIN	00.10 (Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday)
		01.42 (Saturday, Sunday)

Most popular cafes in SCHWERIN are:-

ALHAMBRA (formerly BARBARINA)
CASINO.

30. Russian Advisers and HV4/MSS, L.O.'s

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[redacted] five Russians at the location:-

- a) Inspkteur = Red Army Colonel
- b) Kommandeur = Red Army Major who is responsible for supervising all party work and who attends all party general and committee meetings.
- c) O/Rat = Red Army Major USHIKOV who is responsible for supervising all A.F.V. training.

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- d) O/Rat = Red Army Major who is responsible for infantry training.
- e) O/Rat = Red Army O/Licut who is responsible for artillery training.

- f) Böhm rank Rat; status M.S.S., L.O.; [redacted]
- g) DOMINIK, Waldemar rank O/Komm; status M.S.S., L.O. Lt. GADEBUSCH; [redacted]

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31. Personalities

- a) THIELE rank Insp; status Leiter; [redacted]

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b) SCHRAMM

rank O/Rat; status P.K. Leiter; [redacted]

c) BRUMMrank Kdr; status Lehr/Ausbildungsleiter
(responsible for infantry training); [redacted]

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d) SCHLEWINSKI, Ottorank Kdr; status Technical officer (responsible
for AFV and M.T. training); [redacted]

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c) KOBERrank O/Rat; status Adviser for B matters (i.e. for
artillery); [redacted]

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f) THIEDErank Kdr; status Intendant;
unit in March 51. [redacted]

joined

g) SCHRÖDERrank O/Rat; status Stabschef; [redacted]
recently attended Military Academy in RUSSIA.h) ARNDTrank O/Rat; status 1st deputy Stabschef; [redacted]
came from H.V.A.

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i) MÜLLER

rank Kom; status 2nd deputy Stabschef i/c Planning

j) PRIEHN

rank Kom; status Adjutant; [redacted]

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k) DIEHN

rank Kom; status Personalchef; [redacted]

l) KUCHARSKI

rank Kom; status i/c Graded documents office; [redacted]

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m) MIROW

rank Kom; status i/c General office; [redacted]

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n) CHRISTMANN

rank O/Rat; status P.K.K. [redacted]

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o) MÖLLER, Wilhelm

rank O/Rat; status PKK; [redacted]

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p) GURSCH

rank Kom; status Party Secy; [redacted]

q) ENKELMANN

rank Rat; status Propagandist; [redacted]

r) SIEGERT

rank O/Kom; status Jugend Secy; [redacted]

s) -----

s) WENDT

rank Kom; status Leiter Kdo I; [redacted]

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t) RIEMER

rank Kom; status Leiter Kdo II; [redacted]

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- u) SCHULZ rank Rat; status Leiter Kdo III; [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- v) WEBER rank Rat; status Leiter Kdo IV; [REDACTED]
- w) TELLER rank O/Komm; status Leiter 2 S/Abt.
- x) KNOSPE, Walter rank O/Komm; status Leiter 7 S/Abt; [REDACTED]
- y) BREITZMANN rank Komm; status Technical officer; 7 S/Abt; [REDACTED]
- z) SCHUCKE, Gunther rank Komm; status PK Leiter, 7 S/Abt; [REDACTED]
- aa) PRZYBYLIA, Karl rank Komm; status Training officer, 7 S/Abt; [REDACTED]
- bb) BENNEL, Werner rank O/Komm; status Leiter, 1 S/Abt; [REDACTED]
- cc) BÖSLER, Friedjoff rank U/Komm; P.K. Leiter 1 S/Abt; [REDACTED]
- dd) LOCHOTZKE, Emil rank Komm; status Technical officer, 1 S/Abt; [REDACTED]

32. Additional notes

- i) [REDACTED] the officer strength (i.e. including Unterkommissare) at 360.
- ii) [REDACTED] the Red Army course attended by BREITZMANN and LOCHOTZKE for 4 weeks and dealt with the maintenance of T.34 and STALIN tanks.

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(a) H.V.L. Kraftfahrbataillon1. Designation

Official designation is "VPD 9150" which [] is used to denote the whole para-military H.Q.

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2. Location

This M.T. Battalion is located in the Rüdower Chaussee on the opposite side of the street to the main H.V.A., H.Q.

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4. Strength

The unit has roughly 70 car drivers and 100 [] drivers and about 5 or 6 specialist workshops personnel.

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5. M.T. holdings

Approximately 100 [] (all type ZIS-150)

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80 to 90 cars (type B.M.W. 340)

30 cars (old type D.K.W. F.8.)

NOTE: Twenty to thirty of the B.M.W.'s were only received at the end of April 1951. Only 10 of the D.K.W.'s are used for city journeys and it is understood that the remainder of the D.K.W.'s. will be issued to units.

6. Duties

Drivers and their vehicles now do 2 weeks road duties then are laid off for 2 weeks during which the drivers do training, and maintain their vehicles.

7. Workshops and Inspections

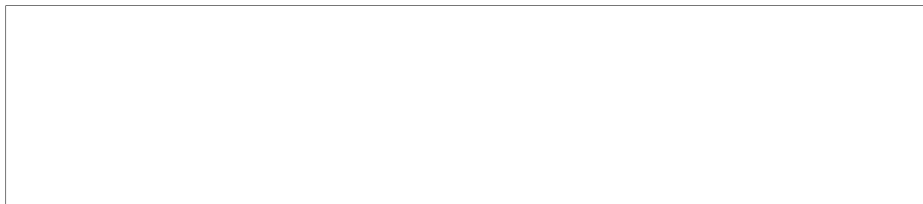
[] there is no longer a large attached Workshops. The majority of the equipment was sent to the Z.V.L. (main depot) in March/April 1951.

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8. Despite this change the B.M.W. cars now have routine inspection in the unit carried out by specialised civilian mechanics instead of being sent to DRESDEN (this in operation since early April 1951). Large repairs are still carried out in DRESDEN

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9. Personalities

(a) ENTER Rank Rat; status Bataillonschef; [redacted]
took over post only in April 1945; [redacted]

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(b) IHME Rank Rat; status P.K. leiter; [redacted]

(c) KOCH Rank O/Komm.; status Adjutant; [redacted]

(d) KÜHNEL, Gerhard (?) Rank Rat; status O.C. Car Section; [redacted]

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V.P.D. ZEITHAIN - 21551. Designation

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3. Location

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(Located in a former military hospital 4½ km due North of RODEBAU.)

4. Strength and organisation

At the middle of April 1951 only the following sub-unit were at the ZEITHAIN location:-

I and III Kommandos
1, 5, 6 and 7 S/Abteilungen

and three courses for junior officers, each with about 50 pupils, one for Infantry, one for Artillery and one for A.F.V's. All other sub-units were still at the PIRMA (Sonnenstein location). Total strength at ZEITHAIN location estimated to be about 1,000 men.

5. Heavy equipment

1 Tank (Russian T.34)
1 Recce. Car (unidentified, believed German;
4 wheeler; fixed turret)
1 Light Cannon (Russian 7,6 cm)
1 Med. Howitzer (Russian 12 cm)
1 Heavy Mortar (Russian)

6. Other armament

Apart from the normal German weapons the unit has Russian LMG's, Tommy Guns and Rifles. No. I Kommando held 11 Russian Tommy Guns and Rifles.

7. M.T.

Four lorries have been seen as well as cars and m/c's.

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8. Training

The No. I Kommando began training on Russian Small Arms in February 1951 but the only shooting done this year was with small bore rifles. Infantry tactics are reported to have been carried out on the ground at Gruppe and Zug level.

9. Unit Artillery course for officers

This course began in PIRNA in January or February 1951 and was transferred to ZEITHLIN about the middle of March 1951. It has about 50 Unterkommissare and Kommissare. Apart from learning the positions of the gun crews most of the training has been theoretical dealing with artillery survey and the calculation of firing data.

[redacted] Russian method of artillery calculation especially with the shortened forms.

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10. Special training course

[redacted] about 10/12 April 1951, two Kommissare from the Unit Artillery Course and 7 or 8 officers from the III Kommando left the unit location on a special course. (Location and details unknown).

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11. Morale

[redacted] the morale [redacted] poor [redacted] on account of the isolated location, then bad food, and the constant barking at pupils by their superiors.

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12. General

Pupils normally go by train to RIESA when they have time off. A workers train leaves RÖDERLU Werkbahnhof on Wednesdays at 17.15 hours and returns from RIESA at 00.40 hours. Most popular 'spots' in RIESA are:-

K.W.U. (formerly Rödiger Gaststätte)

Cafe Wolf

Hafen Schenke

and in ZEITHLIN:-

Reichshof

Stern

13. Russian Advisers and H.V.../M.S.S. Liaison officers

[redacted] two Russians both in Kommandeur's uniform. [redacted] no

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14. Personalities

(a) SCHEIDER

Kommandeur

Bereitschaftsleiter; [redacted]

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(b) JENSEN

Rat

P.R. official;

(c) REXIN

Rat

Leiter I Kdo; [redacted]

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14. Personalities (cont'd)

(d) <u>GOBEL</u>	Komm.	P.K. Leiter, I Kdo;	50X1-HUM
(e) <u>SCHRODER</u>	Kommandeur	Leiter 7 S/Abt;	
(f) <u>SCHULZ</u> Walter	Rat	i/c artillery course for unit officers;	

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PART 'B'

VPKA GARDELEGEN AND SSD GARDELEGEN1. VPKA GARDELEGEN

Located in Bahnhofstrasse 48

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Establishment: 200 men -- actual strength 175 men

Commander

O.Pol.Rat HESSE, Walter

Deputy and P/K

As representative the first SED secretary
Pol.Meister MEYER, KurtEinsatzstab (same tasks as
the former chief O/P)

Pol.Meister MUENZ, Walter

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Schupo head
 Kripo head
 Intendantur head
 Verkehrspolizei - VI (the former
 Kraftfahrzeug Inspektion KI)
 Personal Meldekartei - PM (the
 former Verwaltungspolizei)
 Abteilung Feuerwheer - F
 Personnel department
 Deputy
 Sekretariat (VVS matters and
 mail Secretary)
 Abteilung Nachrichten and Trans-
 port - TD (joint tasks of the
 former Abteilungen KI - Trans-
 port - and Verwaltung - Nach-
 richten)
 Meldeskopf GARDELEGEN

O.Kommissar HAMMERMAN
 Kommissar HETTMANN, Erhard
 HWM SCHEFWOZIG, Karl-Heinz

O.Kommissar MANDEL, Emil

Kommissar GOERN, Werner
 Pol.Meister GEIL, Hans-Dieter
 Kommissar SCHROEDER, Paul
 OWM SCHMIELEWSKI, Erwin
 Kommissar EDELMING
 HWM WACHSMUT, Ruth (female)

HWM UEBEL, Guenther
 Pol.Meister HARSCH

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[redacted] information on the new establishment plan for the VPKA including the establishment ranks for each department. They took effect with 1st Jan 1951.

Commander
 P/K
 Einsatzstab
 Schupo head
 Kripo head
 Intendant
 Abteilung PM
 Abteilung F
 Personnel department
 Sekretariat
 Meldeskopf

O.Pol.Rat
 Pol.Rat
 Kommissar
 Pol.Rat
 Pol.Rat
 O.Kommissar
 Kommissar
 Kommissar
 O.Kommissar
 Kommissar
 Pol.Meister

Subordinated to the VPKA GARDELEGEN were the following 3 reariers and an unknown number of Gruppenposten in the district:

Revier OEBISFELDE	Head:	Kommissar GRAETZ
" KLOETZE	"	Pol.Meister HEIGEL, Rudi
" GARDELEGEN	"	HWM EFLUG, Siegfried

All single posts were disbanded and assimilated into Gruppenposten at the following places known to informant.

Gruppenposten with Meldeskarteistellen at:

GRAETZLINGEN
 NIESTE
 KUMRAU
 CALBE-MELDE
 GROSS ENGERSSEN
 LETZLINGEN etc.

2. INTENDANTUR OF THE VPKA GARDELEGEN

Head

HWM SCHEFWOZIG, Karl-Heinz

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the following Referate:

Referat Finanzen	HWM GIEBS (simultaneously deputy of the head Intendantur)
" Besoldung	OWM SCHMIDT
" Liegenschaften	WM ROTHERT
" Kassenleiter	OWM BRUST
" Buchhaltung	Informant
" Versorgung	HWM ALLEMANN
Subordinated Verpflegung	No special expert appointed
" Bekleidung	OWM UEBEL, Irmgard (female)

The establishment ranks for the Intendantur was as follows:

Head:	O. Kommissar
Referat Finanzen	Kommissar
" Besoldung	HWM
" Liegenschaften	Pol. Meister
" Kassenleiter	Pol. Meister
" Buchhaltung	HWM
" Versorgung	Pol. Meister
Verpflegung	OWM
Bekleidung	OWM

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since 1st Jan 1951 the VPKA SALZWEDEL was subordinated to the VPKA GARDINGEN as regards book-keeping and pay. This action was explained by informant as an experiment to save personnel and reduce administration expenses in the VP. in the whole ROZ two or three VPKA's had been combined under one administration body to reach this target.

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Information about the work in the various ReferateReferat Finanzen:

The financial department is responsible for planning the total expenses of the whole VPKA for one year ahead. The total requirement in the form of a budget was passed to the LBdVP HALLE/Saale VP-Oberkasse. There the budget was either accepted or modified.

The financial department had to account to the VP Oberkasse in the LBdVP HALLE/Saale every 3 months.

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for the year 1951 the accepted budget did not arrive until early in April 1951 due to unknown circumstances. The financial department was advised not to exceed 30 % of its budget's requirements for the first three months. This caused total confusion in the department, led to part inability to meet running expenses and the situation was not completely cleared

this is one of the most noticeable symptoms of the increasing financial difficulties of the VP and the ROZ.

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Referat Besoldung:

The pay department was responsible for the monthly pay of VPKA members and the pay of the subordinated VPKA SALZWEDEL members. The total pay-roll per month reached approx. 120,000 RM. The pay department had the task of preparing the total requirement on the basis of the approved budget and to pass this in time to the main finance office. Pay, formerly issued on 16th of each month, had been postponed to the 23rd of each month or later. The reason given was that an attempt was being made to prolong the circulation time of the money in the banking institutions before drawing it for cash payments.

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Together with the introduction of the new establishment plan on 1st Jan 1951 the pay of the VP was changed in the following cases:
The basic pay of all ranks was not affected by this new regulation except for a VP member holding a lower rank than the established rank plan for the position. In this case the man was paid 40 % of his actual rank pay and 60 % of the established rank pay.

The rank or pay for the rank of a Unterkommissar were unknown in the VPKA [] this rank was introduced only for the Bereitschaftspolizei.

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Referat Liegenschaften:

This department was responsible for all rents, signing of all leases, carrying them out, checking their "due dates" etc. planning of all repairs and construction work within the VPKA.

The department was responsible for delivering estimates of costs for all projects to the LBdVP HALLE/Saale for approval.

Referat Kassenleiter:

The department was responsible for giving monthly accounts on 25th of each month to the VP Oberkasse in the LBdVP HALLE/Saale of sums not spent in the last month. The last regulation issued late in April 1951 states that these accounts could be sent by courier as VWS matters while formerly they had been brought to HALLE personally.

Together with the monthly account the requirements for the next month had to be passed to the VP Oberkasse HALLE/Saale. After a thorough check the Oberkasse returns to the VPKA an authorization in duplicate. This authorization was handed over to the bank responsible for the issue of cash payment. On 23rd of each month or later the department filled out a cheque (Betriebsmittelscheck) which had to bear at least two signatures of the four authorized signatures of the department Intendantur. These were:

Head Abteilung Intendantur
Head Referat Finanzen
Head Referat Kassenleiter
Head Referat Buchhaltung

The head of the Referat Kassenleiter went together with 2 or 3 other VP members to the bank and was handed the money in exchange for this cheque.

Referat Buchhaltung:

[] because the VPKA had only expenses and no sources of revenue the book-keeping was very simple. The book-keeping was confused only by the permanent changing regulations, issue of new orders and a complete disorder in the internal administration of the VP.

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Referat Versorgung:

This department was responsible for the issue of an additional warm ration on basis of Order Number 234 of the Soviet Military Administration.

[] in a short time the kitchen of the VP had a 2,000 EM deficit. When this loss became known at the VP Oberkasse HALLE/Saale the issue of the additional ration was restricted until this loss had been made up.

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The department is also responsible for the equipment of the VP members. [] the equipment was improved recently. Each police member was given:

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One pair of jack boots, pair of ordinary boots, one pair of shoes, 2 sets of summer uniform, 1 set of winter uniform, 1 set of working clothes, 1 set of athletic clothing, 3 shirts, 4 pairs of stockings,

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3 pairs of pants, 1 rain coat, 1 other coat, 1 pair of gloves, and several other equipment items.

3. TRAINING IN THE VPKA

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[redacted] the whole Wednesday of each week was used as a training day. The duty plan for this day was:

07.30 - 09.30	Sports
09.30 - 11.30	Political indoctrination (themes ordered by the LBdVP HAILLE)
11.30 - 12.30	Weapon instruction (Model 98 K rifle and Model 08 pistol)
12.30 - 13.30	Dinner
13.30 - 16.30	Drill or field exercises (during the winter basic drill was given in the VPKA yard. Since approx. April 1951 this drill was changed into field exercises and firing practice. All VPKA members had to participate including all female members)

Every fortnight the SED party year (SED Partei Lehrjahr) circle was held in the VPKA. This was compulsory for all VPKA members including the Reviere and Gruppenposten.

4. INFORMATION ON STAATSSICHERHEITSDIENST UNIT (GARDELEGEN)

The SSD unit was located at GARDELEGEN, Gartenstrasse.
Strength: Estimated to approx. 8 to 10 men.

The unit is surrounded by a two-metre high unpainted wooden palisade. Informant heard that it was intended to paint it in dark green.

From the SSD members the following two were known to informant:

Pol.Rat Franz HENKE (former member of the VPKA GARDELEGEN, known by informant as VP Wachmeister. When taken over by the SSD promoted within shortest time to Pol.Rat)

O.Kommissar HAMMERMANN (Son of the O.Kommissar HAMMERMANN of the VPKA GARDELEGEN, head of the Schupo)

The SSD unit had 2 motor cycles and one car, all used with mostly civil (SN) numbers.

From June 1950 to early in April 1951 the SSD had one separate room (room No 9) in the VPKA building. This room was used by them for meetings with several civilians and for interrogation purposes.

Since early in April 1951 this room was returned to the VPKA and the SSD members were not seen since.

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Part 'B'

Subject: ROZ POLICE - Volkspolizei Bereitschaft
LEIPZIG

LAND SACHSENLocation

1. The unit is situated in Georg Schumann Str., but the name of the barracks is not known. These consist of three storeyed blocks, and were probably built toward the end of the 19th century. A plan is attached as Appendix 'A' to this report.

Organisation and Strength

2. The unit consists of four Kommandos, each sub-divided into five Abteilungen, of 50 men, and seven Sonderabteilungen. The strength, which is constantly changing with postings in and out, is around 1,500 - 2,000.

Personalities

3. Between mid December 1949 and 2 March 1951 the following officers were stationed at the Bereitschaft:

Leiter der Dienststelle	? WALBAU
Ausbildungs Leiter	O/Polrat GERMAUER
Stabschef	O/Polrat RIEDEL
Leiter 4th Abtlg. 3rd Kdo.	Komm. KUHN

Russian Liaison Officers

4. One Russian officer entered the barracks every day, sometimes in uniform, and sometimes in plain clothes. When in uniform he carried the rank of either Polizeirat or Oberpolizeirat. Three or four other Russians came sometimes, mostly they wore civilian clothes, but one of them sometimes wore Russian officers uniform, his rank was not observed.

Training

5. Indoor training was received on the German 0.8 LMG, and a Russian MAXIM machine gun. The MAXIM is described as having two small wheels and a shield. It was water cooled and gave the impression of being quite new. Training was also carried out with the Russian machine carbine FPSH 1941 7.62 mm., and German machine carbines 38 and 44 (Paratroopers weapons). Practical training was carried out on German mortars, types not known, and theoretical training on Russian types. No firing practice seems to have been done. Training on Teller mines was received, but there was no handgrenade training.

Officers School

6. An officers school was situated in the barracks near the Guard room (Wache) as indicated on plan appended. The course lasted four weeks, and about 50 officers attended it at a time. What was actually done on the course is not known.

Transport

7. The entire transport of the unit was never seen together, but the following have been seen on different occasions:-

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Transport
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8 ZIS trucks (type unknown, but thought to be quite new)
4-5 DKW cars
40-50 motor-cycles, make unknown.

Other Equipment

8. One tank was seen and identified as a T 34/85, and tracks of other tracked vehicles, thought not to be the T 34, were seen in the snow in February 1951. These tracks were 30 to 40 cm. wide.

9. A gun was seen in one of the sheds during the month of January 1951. It had solid rubber tyres, a barrel 2.5 to 3 metres long, no muzzle brake, calibre, according to a Volkspolizist, of 15 cm. This gun has not been seen since.

Out-door Training

10. Training outside the barracks was carried out in the BURGAUE-ELSTERAUE park. It was all infantry training, digging slit trenches, compass marching practice and bayonet drill. Sometimes Russian soldiers came into the park, and the Volkspolizei would move elsewhere to make room for them.

Deployment

11. It is thought that the Unit, (2te Volkspolizei Dienststelle SACHSEN) was divided into two major units, at LEIPZIG and PRORA (more probably PIRNA) and two minor units at LOEDAU and DOEBELN.

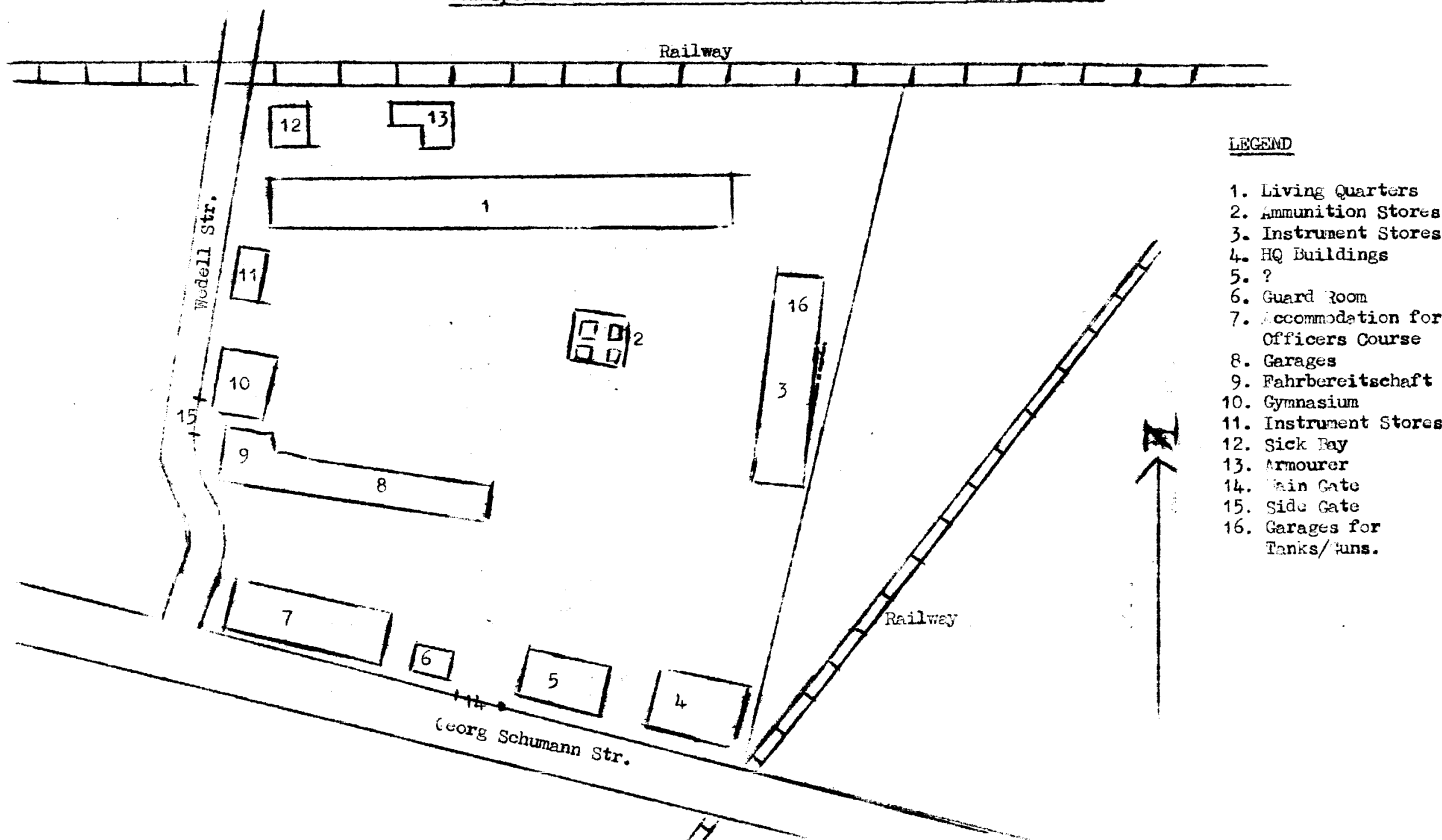
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Appendix 'A'

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Volkspolizeibereitschaft LEIPZIG (2te VP Dienststelle SACHSEN)



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Subject: (a) Maritime Police.
(b) Air Police.
(c) Docks.
(d) Bridges.
(e) Sawmill.
(f) Economic Intelligence.

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2. MARITIME POLICE:

- (a) The present strength of the SEEPOLIZEI in WOLGAST is 150 to 200 men. Training is being carried out with former German E-Boats. These were recently each fitted out with 2 guns, 2 cm calibre, at the PEENE Dockyard (PEENEWERFT). This fact became generally known by the initial refusal of the dockyard workers to carry out such armament work. Before they finally agreed to do so it was necessary to fetch a commission from Berlin with "intensive explanations" to the workers as to why they should equip these boats with guns. The reason given was that they were required for the shooting of mines.
- (b) The WOLGAST Seepolizei is at present accommodated in a wooden house with 3 upper storeys and in smaller hutments. At the side of the wooden house there are also several garaging sheds. See Layout Sketch at Appx. 'A', drawn by interrogator under the direction of informant with the aid of Map GSGS.4416/K 8. Two new solid-built barrack blocks have been erected and are complete on the outside, the interior still being under construction. These buildings are each about 30 to 35 m in length and have 2 upper storeys, except for their two wings which have a single upper storey.
- (c) Immediately to the south of the a/m 3-storeyed wooden house there are 2 underground munition dumps in bunkers, as shown on the Layout Sketch at Appx. 'A'. The entrances to these bunkers face the railway line. At the entrance to each bunker there is a concrete superstructure visible, of which the dimensions are about 5 m long x 4 m wide x 1,5 m high.

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The flat concrete roof has a ventilation chimney and an earth covering grown over with grass. These 2 bunkers extend almost to the water and contain ammunition (according to what informant was told in conversation with local inhabitants).

- (d) The a/m buildings so far occupied and the 2 munition bunkers are surrounded by a wire fence. The area is guarded from 4 watch towers. To the south of this area there is a former Cement Works, as shown on the Sketch.

These factory buildings, which are not in use and are becoming more and more dilapidated, are not occupied by the maritime police. Informant only saw through the open gates trailers with rubber tyres about 2 m long x 1,5 m wide x 1,5 m high.

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3. AIR POLICE:

[redacted] the LUFTPOLIZEI had recently been transferred to REENEMUNDE (K 8/P 9532) (he does not know whence) and was already installed there. There is considerable flying activity in that area both day and night with single aircraft. Jet fighters frequently fly over the town of WOLGAST (K 8/P 9622) at low level. They approach from all directions.

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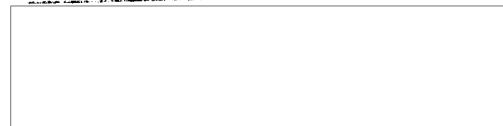
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4. DOCKS:

- (a) During March 1951 only one former German mine-sweeper went into the PEENE dockyard (PEENEWERFT) for repairs.
- (b) The number of persons employed in the PEENEWERFT is at present about 2-3000. A number of the dockers are just loafing around the dockyard because of the considerable lack of materials required for execution of the shipbuilding programme. The main shortage is of steel plates, sections & tools and of non-ferrous metals (copper, brass etc.). There was a report in a WOLGAST newspaper to the effect that the great steel shortage was due to the failure of Western Germany to keep its promise to supply 20,000 tons of steel to the eastern zone.

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5. BRIDGES:

The construction of a bridge over the narrow arm of the PEENE (K 8/P 965230) in WOLGAST, of which plans were formerly announced, has not yet materialized. The foundations for the eastern bridgehead and the two concrete piers on which it is to rest are completed. The foundations for the western bridgehead are at present still under construction. The overall width of the bridge will apparently be about 8 m. Its carrying capacity will be 60 to 70 tons.

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6. SAWMILL:

- (a) The timber sawmill formerly belonging to the firm HAGEMANN in WOLGAST (K 6/P 9622) which takes up the area between the PEENE Dockyard (PEENEWERFT) and the harbour railway station (HAFENBAHNHOF), as shown on the sketch at Appx. 'A', has now been converted into a 'Public-Owned' Concern (VEB). The plant consists of a solid-built office building and numerous large timber-sheds with very good equipment in the way of machinery. Half the area is used for storage of timber in the open.
- (b) This very efficient sawmill is continuously producing finished wooden houses with every conceivable convenience exclusively for Russia.
- A master carpenter of WOLGAST has recently received a new order, sub-let to him, for 4,000 white varnished doors. Only the very best wood, paint and varnish may be used. In order to put through its production programme the sawmill has also had to take over the rooms of the former munition factory in the so-called SCHLOSSPLATZ in WOLGAST. The sawmill is connected to this branch works by means of a standard-gauge junction line which crosses the narrow arm of the PEENE over a wooden bridge.

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7. ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE:

The number of officials in the "HO" (Handelsorganisation = Trading Organization) is still swelling. In WOLGAST (K 6/P 9622)

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there are now about 200, including the salesman, in the grocery branch alone. One of the local chiefs is a former driver who has no idea of business whatsoever.

[redacted] the grocery side of the 'HO' in MECKLENBURG had shown a loss of 7 million eastmarks for the month of February 1951. As a result of this the whole of the head office management of the grocery side in SCHWERIN and about 18 persons in GREIFSWALD had been arrested and committed for trial.

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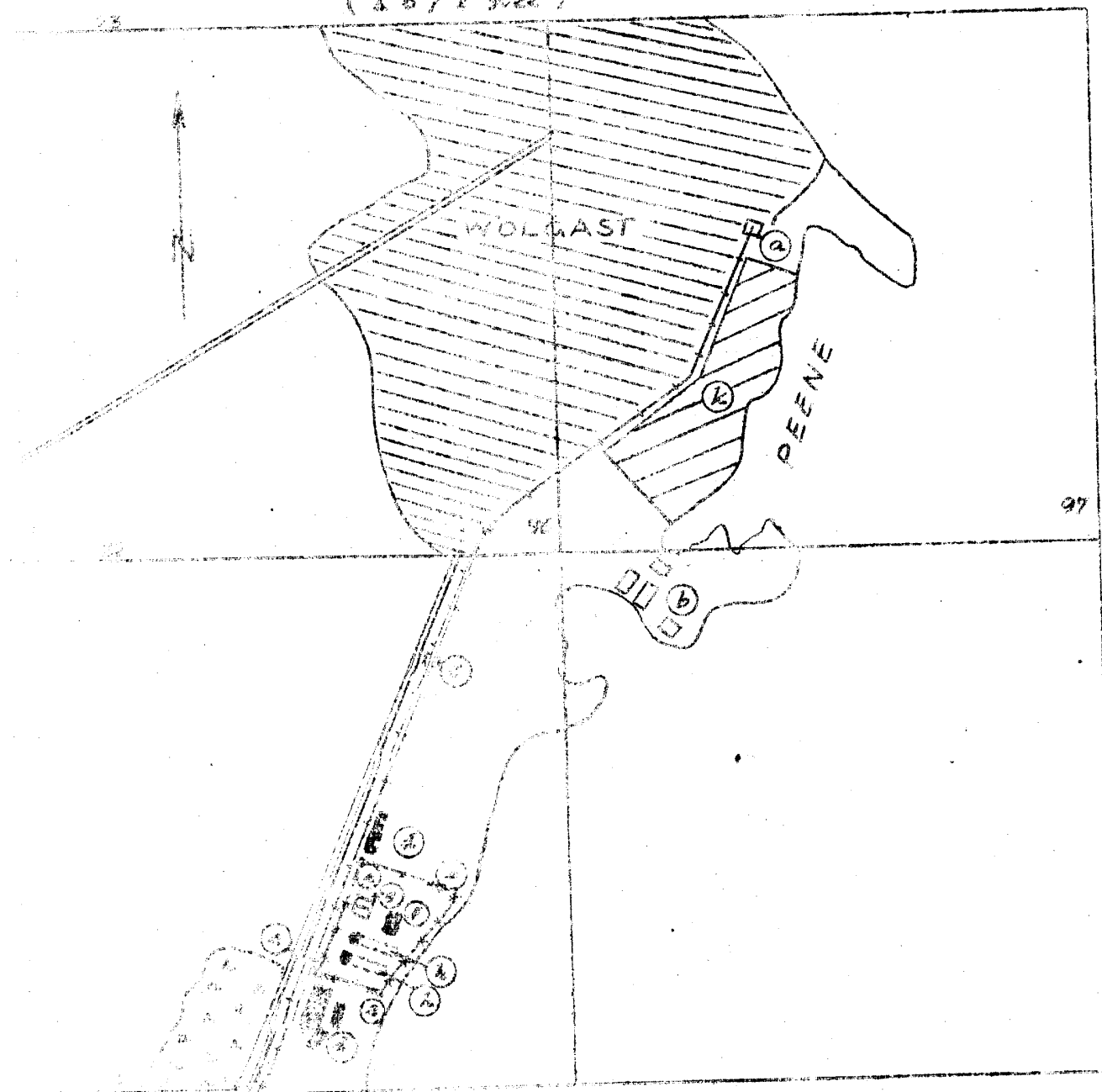
[redacted] example to illustrate how the profits of the 'HO' are whisked away : In the 'HO' stores one pound of sugar is sold for 6 eastmarks; of this the 'HO' is left with only DM 0.54, as DM 5.46 must be deducted and sent on to central accounting immediately.

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The same thing applies in the case of a bicycle; the 'HO' selling price is DM 300; the cost price to them plus profit is DM 75; and there is an immediate deduction of DM 225.

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APPENDIX "A"SCALE: 1 : 10 000LOCATION & LAYOUT SKETCH OF MILITARY OBJECTS IN WOLGAST
(I B / P 9622)LEGEND

- a) Harbour Rly. Station
- c) PEENE Dockyard
- e) Main Rly. Station
- g) Barrack Blocks under construct.
- e) Watch towers

- f) 3-storeyed wooden house
- g) Garaging sheds
- h) Munition Bunkers
- i) Cement Works
- k) Timber Sawmill.

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V.P.D. PRENZLAU - 1213 (in particular
IV - Artillery - Kommando)

1. Designation

V.P.D. 1213

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3. Location

All sub-units, - except the Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Abteilungen of the Nos. I, II and III Kommandos - are accommodated on the PRENZLAU airfield. Married quarters for the officers are being built outside the location at PRENZLAU, Angermunderstr. and about 10 or 12 sheds - assumed to be each for an artillery piece - are also being constructed.

4. Strength

Strength is estimated as about 1400 with new recruits forming about 10% of this total. Recruits joined the unit in January and February 1951 after having been recruited by members of the unit.

5. Sub-unit at airfield location

H.Q. staff (strength about 40)	
M.T. squad (strength about 40)	
IV Kommando (strength about 250)	
Three Mortar Abteilungen of INF Kommandos	
1 S/Abt - RECOE	} each with strength of about 50
2 " - SIGS	
3 " - ENGS	
4 " - A/TK	
5 " - A.A.	
6 " - H. MORTARS	
7 " - AFV (strength about 80)	

6. Heavy equipment

1 T.34 tank
 1 Recco car
 2 Carriers

6 to 8 Russian artillery guns including 76; 122; and 152 mm calibres.

2 German 7,5 A/Tk guns.

7. Other weapons

Other weapons include 8, 12 and 15 cm Mortars

has seen only Russian carbines
 (model 38) and no Russian tommy guns or L.R.G.'s.

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8. M.T.

- 9 1 or 2 HORCH, remained ZIS)
 1 or 2 ambulances
 3 or 4 Cars
 5 M/c's.

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9. No. IV (Artillery) Kommando, details

Strength is about 250 and that is understood to represent the present establishment although a Kommando will eventually be raised to the status of an Artillery Regiment. Present breakdown is:-

Kommando Staff (11)

- O.C.
 Political officer
 Training officer
 Signals officer
 Party Secretary
 F.D.J. Secretary
 Sergeant-major
 Chief clerk
 Clerk
 2 Armourers

Kommando H.Q. troop (25)

- Troop leader
 Deputy troop leader
 4 Observers ("Aufklärer")
 7 Telephone operators
 6 Wireless operators
 3 Plotters ("Rechner")
 3 Drivers

4 X Abteilungen (each approximately 53)Abteilung's Staff (6)

- Abteilungsleiter
 Political officer
 Training officer
 Sergeant-major
 Clerk
 Armourer

Abteilung's H.Q. troop (23)

- Troop leader
 Deputy troop leader
 4 Observers
 7 Telephone operators
 6 Wireless operators
 3 Plotters
 Driver

2 X Züge (12)

- Zugführer
 Deputy Zugführer
 2 X Gruppen (1 : 4)

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10. two of the Abteilungen will eventually be given 122 mm guns and one Abteilung, 152 mm guns.

11. Training in No. IV Kommando

Weekly day-time training total of 40 hours divided roughly as follows:

Special training	20 hours
Political indoctrination	8 hours
Tactics	2 hours
Drill	2 hours
Sport/P.T.	2 hours
Arms instruction	1 hour
Map reading	1 hour
First Aid	1 hour
Discipline Code	1 hour

12. Special training is separate for the various trade groups e.g.:

Observers have been learning work in the Forward observation post, e.g., use of scissors telescopes, clinometers.

Telephone operators have been under instruction on handling and maintenance of field telephones, procedure, and practice in laying cables.

Wireless operators have been under instruction on handling and maintenance of W/T sets (they have only one practice set), procedure, and morse.

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Plotters have been practising visual and map preparations for shooting, calculation of firing data, use of logs, and composition of fire orders.

Gun crews have been under instruction on guns (mainly the 122 mm ones but never outside sheds), description and working of various parts and limbering and laying drill.

13. Weapon training has been done only on German small arms with the exception of a few periods on the Russian rifle (model 38). Only 3 shots have been fired with German rifles this year.

14. Drill is according to Russian methods but in the first quarter did not go about squad level.

15. During tactics pupils were told that the Russians lay great emphasis on the Artillery as the main punching force and that it was used without any great aerial support. Artillery role in an infantry attack fell into four phases:

- (i) the assembly positions of Infantry and Artillery;
- (ii) preparation for infantry attack by Artillery barrage;
- (iii) support of own infantry forces on enemy's main defensive line and zone;
- (iv) destruction of enemy reserves.

It was impressed on pupils that attack is the best defence and that independent withdrawals were completely forbidden and could only be ordered by the highest authority on appreciation of superiority of the enemy and decision to fight in a better tactical position.

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16. Morale

The only signs of mutiny was in December 1950 when personnel posted in were disappointed at not getting nearer own home towns as had been constantly promised them. The personnel from POTSDAM (1 V.P.B.) at first refused to leave their transport, later they attacked the Stabschef in the dining hall but after being split up over various sub-units this organised resistance was crushed. The morale of officers without establishments (56 in No. 1 Abt of IV Kdo) is very poor as they are called on to do Duty Officer in the Kommando; stand on sentry duty; and must apply for evening passes just like the O.R's.

17. In general morale is getting poorer and [] the feeling to that of a prison. Apart from the fact that since the re-organisation the majority are further away from home than before with the appearance of more Russian Advisers and the ever-increasing adoption of Russian methods the feeling that the V.P. is only to be used as cannon-fodder for the Red Army is getting stronger.

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18. [] seen no anti-D.D.R. propaganda material within the unit location.

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19. Most popular dance cafes in PRENZLAU are the Kurgarten/Am See and Rurst Bismark.

20. Russian Advisers and H.V.A., L.O's

[] seen three Russians in uniform (one Inspektur and two Kommandeure) and one called 'MICHAEL' in civilian clothes who is understood to be R.I.S. representative. The Russian Advisers have offices in the unit, inspect the training and barrack-room conditions, but have never been known to give demonstrations.

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(a) FRITSCH Rat H.V.A., L.O.; []

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(b) REICHELT O/Kommandeur H.V.A., L.O.; []

21. Personalities

(a) MARKGRAF Inspektur Bereitschaftsleiter;

(b) SCHEIBE Kommandeur P.K. Leiter; []

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(c) KUSCHERT O/Rat Stabschef; []

(d) [] O/Rat Ausbildungsleiter; []

(e) BETTER Kommandeur i/c Artillery training; []

(f) GAUCK Kommandeur i/c A.F.V. training; []

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21. (g)	LEHMANN	O/Rat	Intendant;	[REDACTED]
(h)	SUSSEMLICH	O/Rat	P.K.K.;	[REDACTED]
(i)	HENNIG	Komm	Party Secretary;	[REDACTED]

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(j)	NACONZ	O/Komm	Leiter IV Kdo;	[REDACTED]
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(k)	LÜSCHE Otto	Rat	P.K. Leiter, IV Kdo;	[REDACTED]
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(l)	TÖNNIGES	Komm	Ausbildungsleiter, IV Kdo;	[REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
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(m)	LANGE	Komm	Stabschef, IV Kdo;	[REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
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(o)	OTREMBL	Rat	Leiter, 4 S/Abt.;	[REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
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PART 'B'

VP DIENSTSTELLE WEISSENHELS1. LOCATION AND STRENGTH

The unit was located at Zeitzer Strasse 102.

Strength [] Approx. 1,300 men.

[] the unit was to be reinforced in future.

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2. ORGANISATION AND PERSONALITIES

Commander	Pol.Kommandeur GIESEWETTER
Deputy and P/K	O.Pol.Rat GAING
Ausbildungsleiter	Unknown
Einsatzleiter	O.Kommissar WIEGAND
Chief of staff	O.Pol.Rat ROSSBACH
Personalchef	O.Pol.Rat KOENIG
Intendantur	Pol.Rat STOEBER
Clothing	Pol.Meister SCHWENER
VVS matters	Kommissar BUDE

VERBINDUNGSOFFIZIER (SSD MEMBER) O.POL. RAT SCHMIDT

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Rations
Liaison Officer

Kommissar ELSNER
Pol.Rat HARTMANN

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The unit was subdivided into 3 infantry Kommandos and one joint Kommando consisting of the other 7 Sonderabteilungen. This organisation was adopted only temporarily until the 7 Sonderabteilungen reach full strength and become independent. The 4. Kommando will then be brought up to strength with new recruits as another infantry Kommando.

The 7 Sonderabteilungen were:

Tanks
Artillery
Signals
R/T (Funk - Sprech)
Engineers
M/T
Despatch riders

The present strength of the Sonderabteilung was estimated [] of between 30 to 60 men per Abteilung. 50X1-HUM

[] the 3rd Infantry Kommando. The Kommando had a strength of 250 men. 50X1-HUM

Kommando head
Deputy and P/K
Ausbildungsleiter
Einsatzleiter
Innendienstleiter

Pol.Rat STAUCH
Kommissar STILLER
O.Kommissar VOGT
Kommissar LANGNER
Kommissar BUGE

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[] under the establishment plan the strength of the Kommando was to reach 500 men. Each Kommando consists of 5 Abteilungen (4 infantry Abteilungen and one Special Abteilung, consisting of Signals, Engineer and Mortar platoons). The strength of each Abteilung was 100 men on the establishment plan.

The present strength of the Kommandos varied between 150 and 250 men per Kommando when informant left on 24th Feb 1951.

3. TYPE OF UNIT

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[] the VP Dienststelle WEISSENTIS represented an independent and joint battle unit.

4. NUMBER OF UNIT

The number of unit was kept as a top secret matter []

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5. TRAINING

After the completion of the first training year late in Oct 1950 the real training was postponed until 3rd Jan 1951. On 3rd Jan 1951 new training was started which consisted to the 24th Feb 1951, [] only of revision of the previously taught subjects. A complete change was observed only in some parts 50X1-HUM

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of basic drill and tactics, where instead of the formerly used German tactics the new Russian tactics were introduced.

The training consisted of the following subjects:

a) Drill

The command: "Das Gewehr ueber" which was formerly carried out in four movements was now made in two movements by the Russian method. Instead of giving, as formerly, the command "Nach hinten" or "Nach vorne weggetreten" the present command is: "Zur Pause" or "Auf die Stuben weggetreten". This command permits each man to move in which direction he desires. Instead of, as formerly, executing the command "Hinlegen", by bending first on the right knee then on the left knee followed by touching the ground first with the right elbow, then with the left elbow, the new command is executed in the following way: First the man rests on his left knee then let himself fall down on the left side and has to turn over to the right.

b) Tactics

Tactics were taught in formations, squad or platoon and only a few exercises had been carried out in full Kommando strength. These were attack or defence exercises. [redacted] any anti-aircraft or anti-tank defence exercises were carried out. Changes in the former German tactics were observed by informant in the following points. While the former defence line was a zig-zag line the Russian tactics require a 30 metres wide and 30 metres deep square area for each squad as defence position. The individual squad member has no special appointed position in this square.

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c) Weapon instruction

[redacted] this was pure revision of the earlier weapons and firing theory training. Only the introduction of unit members to the following Russian weapons was new.

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- (a) Russian short-barrel rifle
- (b) " automatic rifle and
- (c) " machine pistol with round magazine.

d) Map reading

This was again a revision of former training. The reading of maps, military sketching, the description of the area and the use of the compass were taught.

e) Political indoctrination

First, the development of the socialist revolution in Russia was subject to discussion. Recently, more emphasis was laid on subjects such as: Conditions in Western Germany and comparison with the far better situation in the ROZ. This indoctrination was used as the basis of shameless propaganda against Western German, England and USA.

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[redacted] in the middle of Feb 1951 a new duty plan was announced to unit members resembling completely the duty plan of the Russian army. It was:

06.00	Reveille
06.00 - 07.00	Dressing, cleaning and sports
07.00 - 09.00	Political indoctrination
09.00 - 10.00	Lunch
10.00 - 15.00	Other training subjects
15.00 - 17.00	Dinner
17.00 - 19.00	Self study, courses, etc.
19.00	Supper
22.00	Tattoo

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[redacted] all unit members were extraordinarily dissatisfied with this new duty plan.

6. WEAPONS

[redacted] all Bereitschaften in the ROZ were to be equipped with Russian weapons in future.

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Weapons held in the unit included:

- German assault rifle
- Russian " "
- Model 98 K rifle
- Model P 38 pistol
- Russian automatic rifle
- Model 42 machine pistol
- Russian machine pistol
- Model 34 and Model 08 machine gun

The heavy weapons held in the unit were:

- 1 "T 34" tank
- 1 Assault gun
- 1 Ammunition carrier
- 2 Artillery guns 8,8 cm, long barrel
- 2 " " 15,0 cm, howitzer
- Unknown number of heavy mortars (12 or 15 cm calibre)

[redacted] saw 3 of these heavy mortars personally and [redacted] these weapons were all stored in the former garages. The garages were sealed and guarded by a special post day and night time.

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7. RUSSIAN LIAISON OFFICERS

[redacted] the former Russian liaison officer O.Pol.Rat NICKALLOV disappeared from the unit after Jan 1951. Late in Jan 1951 three other Russian liaison officers arrived in the unit. They had the ranks of one Pol.Kommandeur and two O.Pol.Rat.

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Description of Pol.Kommandeur: Name and Russian army rank unknown.

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8. INFORMATION ON M/T

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[] the following vehicles were permanently stationed in the unit at the Zeitzer Strasse 102:

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[] 2 ZISS lorries
1 Opel
1 Phaeton

Cars 5 cars of unknown type

Motor cycles
3 old motorcycles, unknown type
2 JAWA motorcycles

These vehicles remained outside the garages because these were used for the storage of weapons as previously mentioned.

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[] the main M/T garages were located at WEISSENFEIS-BEUDITZ in the former riding hall. They were guarded by a special guard.

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10. UNIFORM

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[] heard rumours that all unit members would be equipped with uniforms similar in colour to the present khaki-coloured police shirts. He heard these khaki-coloured uniforms were to be used only as Summer uniforms. The winter uniforms would be of blue consisting of jacket without pockets and with covered buttons. The trousers would remain unchanged. A definite date for the issue of these new uniforms was not stated.

11. INFORMATION ON TRANSFERS AFTER THE CESSATION OF THE FIRST COURSE

A number of unit members was transferred late in Oct 1950 to the officer's school at NAUMBURG and several men were transferred to the interpreter's school at Land Thuringen. Place was unknown to him.

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PART 'B'

TELEPRINTER NETWORK OF WEST SAXONY,

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[] the teleprinter network in the ROZ was of a very low standard. Reasons for this included shortage in supply of teleprinters and also of cables and wiring. There were two types of teleprinters in use:

- a) Streifenschreiber
- b) Blattschreiber.

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The exchanges were manually operated but [] in 1953 it is intended to change to automatic exchanges.

There were no connections to the ROZ or AOZ at all. []

[] no Ueberwachungsleitungen in the total teleprinter network existed.

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1. TELEPRINTER NETWORK FOR OFFICIAL AND ECONOMIC
USE "TEILNEHMERFERNSCHREIBERNETZ"

This network had underground cables which were marked THV plus a four-figure number. Each exchange had a varying number of subscribers. This network was the only one which worked with Streifen- and Blattschreiber. A diagram showing the layout of the network is attached.

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2. TELEPRINTER NETWORK FOR THE BEREITSCHAFTSPOLIZEI "POLIZEISCHULUNGSMETZ"

This network had underground cables which were marked PS plus a four-figure number. The central exchange for West Saxony was GROSSENHAIN near DRESDEN which operated for Saxony. The main exchange for this network was POTSDAM (operating for Brandenburg) with connections to HALLE for Land Sachsen-Anhalt, SCHWERIN for Land Mecklenburg, and ERFURT for Land Thueringen. This network was the "Befehls- und Operativnetz" for the Bereitschaftseinheiten of the Volkspolizei. Only Streifenschreiben were in use for this network. A diagram of this network is attached.

3. TELEPRINTER NETWORK FOR THE LANDESPOLIZEI

This network also had underground cables and used only Streifenschreiber. The cables were marked LL plus a four-figure number. The central exchange for Saxony was in DRESDEN in the Polizeipraesidium which was connected direct with BERLIN. Another direct connection existed from LEIPZIG to BERLIN. The cable LEIPZIG - HALLE was connected but not in use. Beside the stations shown on attached diagram, informant stated that an order was given to connect ANNABERG and AUE to this network.

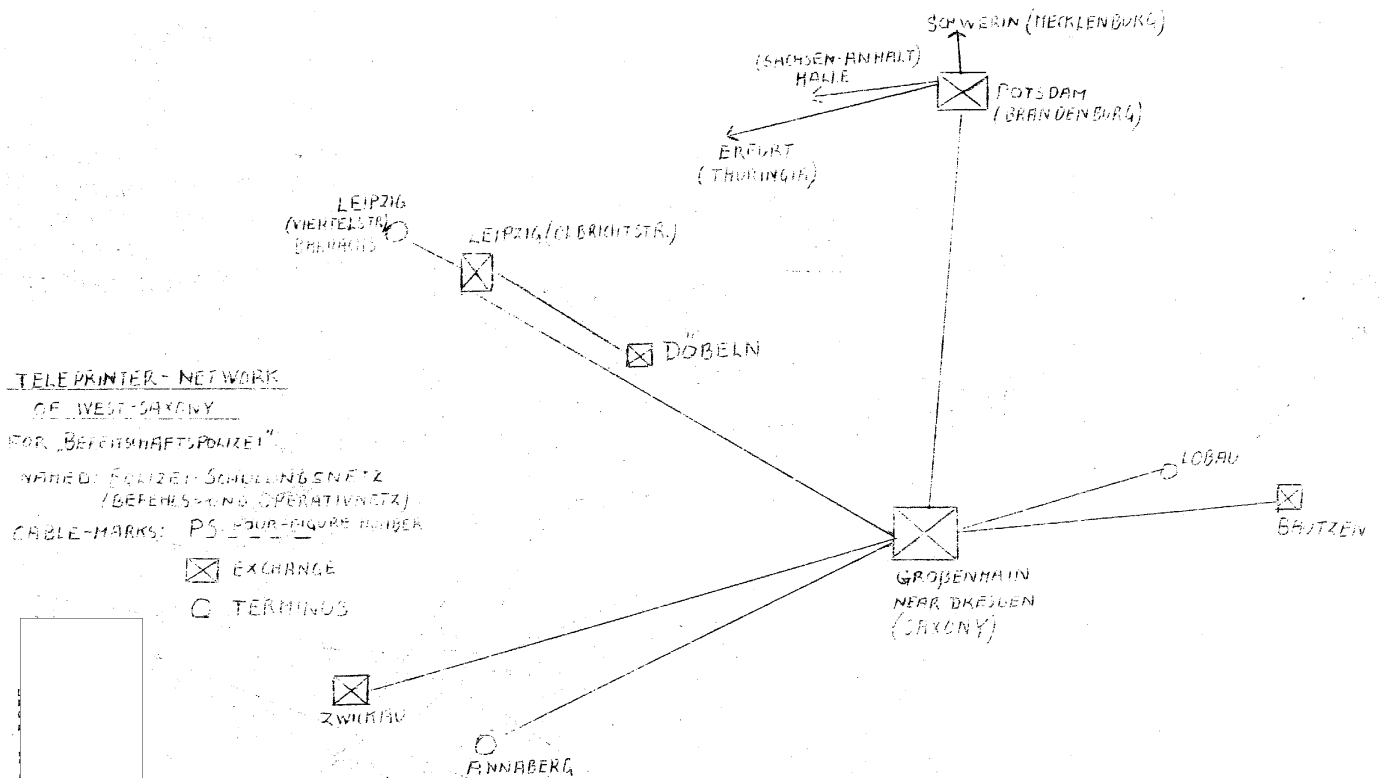
4. TELEPRINTER NETWORK FOR THE STAATSSICHERHEITSDIENST (SSD)

This network had underground cables which were marked PX 33 plus a two-figure number. The central exchange was in DRESDEN and from here only terminus teleprinters were switched. Besides DRESDEN, LEIPZIG and CHIMNITZ also had a direct cable to BERLIN. The network used only Streifenschreiber. The diagram showing this network is attached.

5. TELEPRINTER NETWORK FOR THE GRENZPOLIZEI

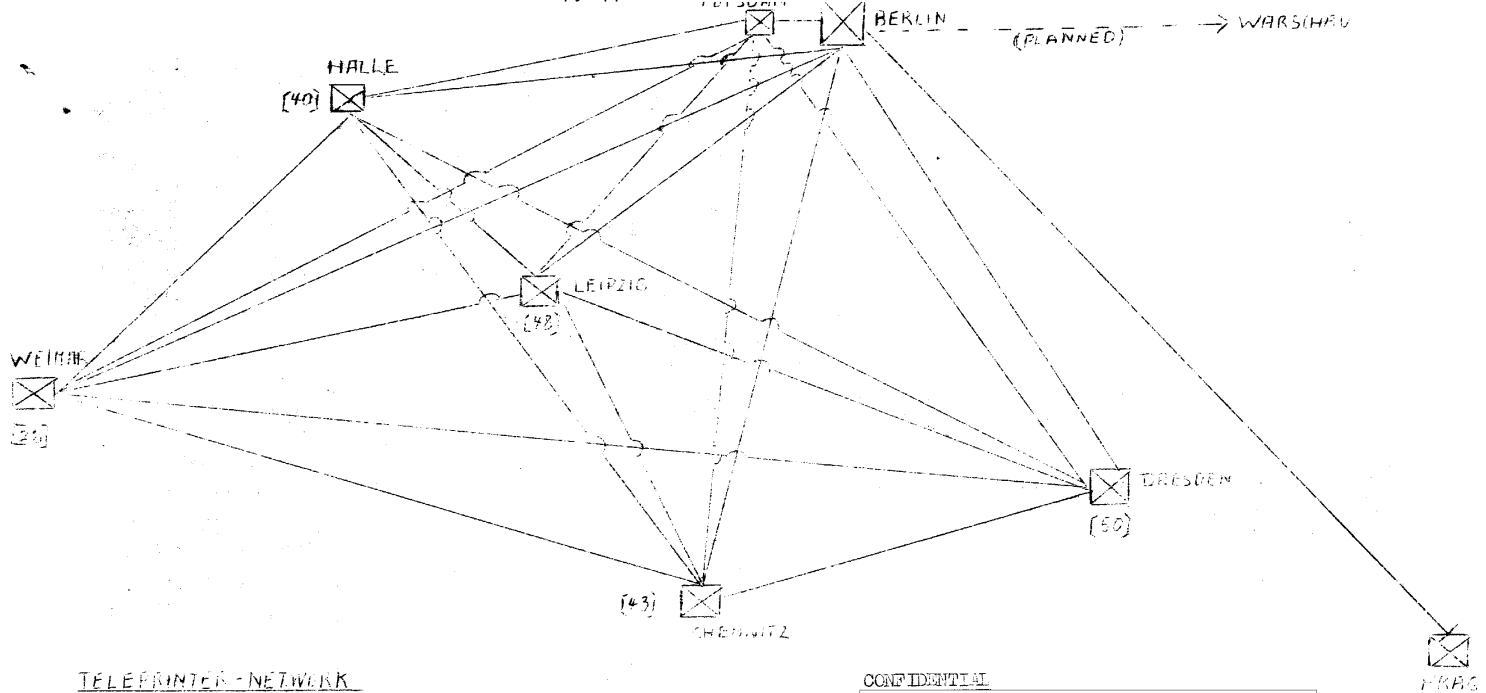
This network also had underground cables which were marked PG plus a four-figure number. The central exchange was in DRESDEN with only one connection to West Saxony at ANNABERG. From DRESDEN a direct line to BERLIN existed. Informant heard that it was intended to extend the telewriter net with several terminus stations direct at the border in the environs of ANNABERG. A diagram showing this network is attached.

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TELEPRINTER-NETWORK
OF WEST-GERMANY

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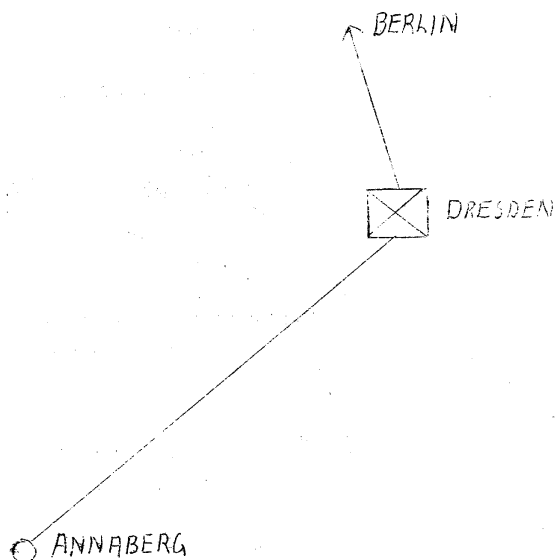
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TELEPRINTER-NETWORK
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PART 'B'

VP AMT (TRAFO) DRESDEN AND VP LEITREVIDER I (TRAFO) ZWICKAU1. VP AMT (TRAFO) DRESDEN

Located in the Neustadtter railway station.

Commander	Pol.Kommandeur GAEBLER
Deputy and P/K	Pol.Kommandeur BECK
Personnel department	Pol.Kommandeur STAMPA
Head clothing store	O.Kommissar WEUERBERG

2. VP LEITREVIDER I (TRAFO) ZWICKAU

Located in the railway station of ZWICKAU.
Strength: Approx. 150 men

Commander	Pol.Meister HAHN, Helmut
Deputy and P/K	Pol.Meister GRUNERT

The 150 men were deployed as follows:

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a) H.V.A. Wachbataillon, BERLIN-TREPTOW1. Designation

V.P.D. 9110, but commonly known as "H.V.A. Wachbataillon" or "Wachkommando".

2. Location

Barracks at BERLIN-TREPTOW, Elsenstr. (together with the P.K. school).

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4. Strength and Organisation

Total strength about 350 and unit has three companies (each about 100 strong).

5. Armament

<u>For guard duties</u>	Tommy guns (M.P. 44)
	Rifles (98 K)
	Pistols (08 and 38)

<u>Others</u>	Light Machine Gun (MG 44 ?)
	Small bore and air rifles
	Russian rifles
	Russian Tommy guns.

Note: There has been no training on the Russian weapons.

6. M.T.

5 Lorries (ZIS)
4 Cars
1 Ambulance

7. Duties

Unit provides guards for the following locations:-

H.V.A.	(52 men)
Z.V.L.	(65 men)
TREPTOW	(15 men)

Unit works on a three shift system of 24 hour guard, e.g. a company does in rotation:- one day stand-by, one day 'free', and one day guard duties. Evening leave (1800 to 2400) is usually allowed in the 'free' day and there are 3 days off every month.

8. Training

Average weekly training time-table is:-

12 hours	Primary training
6 "	Political indoctrination
2-3 "	Guard mounting practice
2 "	Sport/P.T.

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9. Personalities

- a) FRITZLER rank O/Rat; status C.O. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- b) KOPITZ rank Rat; status Political officer; [redacted]
- c) GRICH rank O/Komm; status Adjutant; [redacted]
- d) ROSSLER rank Komm; status Training officer; [redacted]
- e) WEUTER, Heinz rank Komm; status Party Secretary; [redacted]
- f) VACHMIN, Walter rank H/Wm; status F.D.J. Secretary; [redacted]
- g) RABASCHOS, Wilhelm rank O/Komm; status O.C. (Kop 2); [redacted]

10. New contracts

[redacted] on 13 (?) April 51 all members of the unit whose contracts were nearing an end ([redacted] many had had only one year contracts) were told they must sign a three-years contract. Those who hesitated were told "Are you not convinced of the necessity .. what do you think we are paying you for - why did you join the police at all". Those who did not sign found that their leave and evening passes had been stopped.

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11. [redacted]

[redacted] the printed form [redacted] only stated "I undertake to serve for a further three years with the V.P." and had the stamp of HOFFMANN (H.V.A. Chief) in one corner.

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12. Special office note

[redacted] all training done by this unit is at the TREPTOW barracks.

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b) Russian Advisers to H.V.A.

13. [] there are about 12 Russian Advisers at the H.V.A. 50X1-HUM

and they use offices on the second floor of Block 1. V.P. Ranks vary between O/Rat and Inspektore.

14. Apart from the name of one Inspektur (SEREBREKOV) [] only [] the following information:- 50X1-HUM

VLASSOV V.P. rank Kommandeur; Red Army uniform gold/black shoulder boards with two large stars; []

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[] understood to be responsible for H.V.A. Wachbataillon (he visits the TREPTOW location 2/3 times weekly, inspects accommodation and listens in to instruction. He also inspects the guard while on duty).

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V.P. Engineers Training Camp at KUCHENSEE/STORKOW1. Location

[redacted] the actual training area [redacted] location was a small lake (2 x $\frac{1}{2}$ Km.).

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2. Personnel

On 2nd May 1951 at 0400 hours 57 policemen from the 3 S/Abt. of V.P.S. LUBAU left their home location and travelled [redacted] with the tents, bedding and personnel equipment) to the above-mentioned location.

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3. During the course of that day others arrived bringing the total up to 293. Other Combat team personnel represented were from ZITTLU, LEIPZIG, WEISSENFELS, and GROSSENHAIN.

4. The LUBAU contingent is under command of Rat SCHREIER (3 S/Abt. of LUBAU) but the whole camp is under the command of an unidentified Kommandeur and his adjutant from the H.V.A.

5. Equipment seen.

Two Pontoons, armoured [redacted] and about 12 m [redacted]

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Twenty Pontoons (so-called "A" class, former Wehrmacht and about six m [redacted])

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Eight Pontoons (so-called "B" class, former Wehrmacht, pointed bow, and about 7 or 8 m [redacted])

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Three Assault Boats (wooden hull, engine type unidentified).

6. Training

Reveille is at 0500 hours and training continues until 1800 hours. Lights-out is at 2200 hours. Personnel have been told that they are to remain one month at the location during which time there will be no evening or week-end leave.

7. [redacted] one day's training in rowing but [redacted] the main training to be carried out at this location is wet-bridging.

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8. Guards on location

Twenty-four men are detailed for guard duties during the day and 56 at night.

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PART "B"I. Kommandantur GREVEN (T.0346).

The Kommandantur GREVEN is controlled by the Grenzbereitschaft WITTENBURG (T.2251).

The following Kommandos come under Kommandantur GREVEN:-

Kommando VALLUHN (T.0652).
 " NEU-GALLIN (T.0450).
 " LEISTERFORDE (S.0046).
 " OCHSENBERG (S.9444).

The strength of the Kommandantur GREVEN is 35-40 men.

The leading personalities known to informant are:-

Kommandanturleiter	=	Polizeirat HERSE - posted from G.B. WITTENBURG on 7th May, 1951.
P.K. Leiter	=	Polizeirat KREUZAHNER
Stabschef	=	Polizeimeister M.IN
Waffensachbearbeiter	=	Hauptwachtmeister GÖDOW
Intendanturleiter	=	Oberwachtmeister REICH

The liaison staff dealing with all incoming and outgoing telephone calls between the Kommandantur and the Kommandos were:-

Oberwachtmeister	=	ZISKE
Wachtmeister	=	GRAFF
"	=	KLABUNDE

Grenzkriminalpolizei:-

Oberwachtmeister	=	HERMANN
" " "	=	PERSE

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Polizei Meister = PLATH
 Hauptwachtmeister = KNUTTEL

II. Kommando V.LLUHN (T.0652).Location:

Farm belonging to Herrn PETERS, located on the corner of the road LUTTOW (T.0953) - GAILIN (T.0648).

Strength:

The strength of the Kdo. is 36 men and 2 officers. The Kdo. has three trained dogs at its disposal.

Leading Personalities:

Kommissar = EBEL
 P.K. Leiter = EBEL (P.K. Leiter Hauptwachtmeister GENBRICHT was posted to Kdo. VIERKRUG (S.9635) on 6th May, 1951).
 Gruppenführer = Oberwachtmeister HERDLINN
 " = " " HASE
 " = " " SPLITSTÖSSER
 " = " " KNOLL

[redacted] both Oberwachtmeister 50X1-HUM
 HASE and SPLITSTÖSSER were due to leave VALLUHN (T.0652) on 13th May and proceed to the V.P. Officers' School in SANGERHAUSEN (M52/D42) to undergo a course starting on 14th May, 1951. [redacted]

Duties of the Kdo. consist of checking the identity of all persons encountered in the frontier area between VALLUHN and SCHADELAND. 50X1-HUM

Arms:

The arms of the Kdo. consist of .08 pistols and ex-German army rifles.

Theoretical instruction on the former German army machine pistol has been given to the men by the Kommandoleiter on three occasions during the past two weeks. [redacted]

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III. Kommando NEU-GAILIN (T.0450).

The strength of the Kdo. is 36 men and 2 officers.

The Kommandoleiter = Polizeimeister STANISLAV

IV. Kommando LEISTERFORDE. (S.0046).

The Kdo. is billeted in the former Reichsarbeitsdienst building.

The strength of the Kdo. is 2 officers and 36 men.

The leading personalities [redacted] are:- 50X1-HUM

Kommandoleiter = Polizeimeister KOHL

P.K. Leiter = Polizeimeister KRUPP.

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V. Kommando SCHADELAND (T.0753).

The strength of the Kdo. is 2 officers and 36 men.

Kommandoleiter = Polizeimeister SCHIMMELMANN

P.K. Leiter = Polizeimeister PUCHNER

PUCHNER is at present on a course at the V.I. Officers' School in
SANGERHAUSEN.

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VI. Russian Kommando VALLUHN (T.0652).

The Kdo. is billeted in a farmhouse belonging to a Herrn ECKARDT located on the main road VALLUHN - RESENTHAL.

The strength of the Kdo. is 1 officer and 32 men.

The men wear uniforms with red s/bs and are all between 19 and 25 years of age.

The arms consist of machine pistols, rifles, four machine guns, type 7.62 mm GORYUNOV - M.M.G. Model 1943, illustrated in the Recognition Handbook of Equipment of Allied Armies B1597, Volume II, RUSSIA, Part I. Small Arms and Mortars issued by M.I. 10. - The War Office in January, 1947, and three light mortars.

The Kdo. has one 3 ton SIS lorry and one Opel Blitz as means of transport.

Duties consist of controlling all traffic and pedestrians encountered on the MÜLINER WEG. Two check points have been established for this purpose, one located 600 m. from the boundary and one on the road bridge over the river DOIZE. Both check points are manned by two men who are in telephone communication with the Kdo. H.Q.

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(a) Brief notes on H.V.4.1. General

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[redacted] the guard unit at ThOPTOW was a Hauptabteilung.

2. Hauptabteilung Ausbildung

[redacted] the strength of this main department as about 35

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[redacted] list a few personalities

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(a) JOHNE Inspekteur

Leiter H/A Ausbildung; [redacted]

(b) BERDMANN Kommandeur

Stellr. Leiter H/A Ausbildung; [redacted]

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(c) H.L.G (?) Kommandeur

i/c Sport department; [redacted]

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(d) HIEMER Rat

Member of Sport department; [redacted]

(e) WUTKE Rat

Member of Sport department; [redacted]

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3. Duties with H/Abt Ausbildung

[redacted] a team (a 'collective') preparing independent training material based on their own front-line experiences. The only two subjects [redacted] with the team were:-

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Medium Mortars in defence

Medium Mortars as protection ('Sicherung')

4. The collective consisted of 7 policemen and the highest rank was one Unterkommissar. The collective after having worked out their own individual ideas met under Kommandeur BERDMANN to prepare the final paper. As subjects were prepared on policemen's own individual experience it was all done according to German tactics.

5. [redacted] the final drill was tried out on the ground at NIEDERLEHME.

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6. Try-out of tactics at NIEDERLEHME

At the end of March 1951 (from a Friday to Sunday midday) there was a try-out of the completed paper on 'Medium Mortars in defence'. Leading H.V.A. observers were the Kommandeure BRDMANN and HALLG. Policemen used (one troop of 45 men) were drawn from the H.V.A. Wachbataillon at TREPTOW. The troop was divided into 3 squads [redacted] It was only after a question as to what means of communication were used [redacted] that personnel from the Signals Unit stationed in NIEDERLEHME took part under control of their Stabschef O/Komm. KLUPZIG. [redacted] two field telephones were allocated to each Mortar team.

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7. Training material issued to units

[redacted] after the collective finished a paper that one or two copies were sent to each unit. [redacted] after the Russians saw the work-out on the ground at NIEDERLEHME they criticised it and their suggestions were sent out to units as alterations of the original papers. [redacted]

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8. [redacted]

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[redacted] the H.V.A. were collecting their policemen's own war experiences. [redacted] Russian tactical instructions are not issued in writing to junior unit instructors but only read out to them and they have to instruct their pupils accordingly.

9. Russian liaison officers at H.V.A.

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[redacted] there are 7 Russian liaison officers at the H.V.A., all of whom wear V.P. Inspekturs uniform and have offices there.

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10. V.P. Ski-ing camp

This training camp at Chemnitzerhütte, OBERWIESENTHAL was open both before and after the V.P. ski-ing competitions held from 4 to 9 January 1951. There were about 18 competitors from the H.V.A. and about 120 from the H.V.D.V.P. but separate prizes were given.

11. H.V.A. organisation was run by Rat Gerhard WUSTMANN (H.V.A., dept. Sport) and Kom. ZWINGER (formerly with a ZITTLAU unit but now at H.V.A.) was P.K. Leiter. Training was supervised by O/Komm Paul GRUNERT.

12. H.V.A. mountain training unit

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[redacted] in early March 1951 preparations were being made to establish a mountain training unit at TAMBACH-DEITARS/Thüringen under O/Komm Paul GRUNERT.

13. The unit is to cater for 120 policemen who have had previous experience of ski-ing. In summer, normal infantry training will be done in the mountain area and, in winter, infantry training on skis.

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INTERROGATION REPORT OF REFUGEE EX ROZSUBJECT:- POLICE OFFICERS' ACADEMY AT TORGAU (ROZ)

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2. LOCATION

The Academy is located a few hundred yards West of the main railway station and is bordered in the South by the 'Domitzerstrasse' and in the North by the Civil Prison, TORGAU.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOLa) General

The Academy consists of 20 large brick buildings. In the southern part the Academy is surrounded by a wire fence, the other parts are safeguarded against intrusion by means of a brick wall 2½ m high. The main entrance is in the southern part of the perimeter.

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b) Description of buildings and Key to Sketch "B"

Building 1 situated west of the main entrance contained the guard house and part 2 the armoury. The armoury contained all small arms used by the officer cadets during the training period. The arms included rifles, light M.G.s, hand grenades and flame throwers.

The building (1 and 2) was approximately 80 x 40 m and 10 m high. Building 3 was a newly constructed bunker. The bunker was below ground and covered with earth and plants. The interior of the bunker consists of one room approximately 12 x 12 x 5 m in size. The bunker contains stored ammunition and shells. The shells are of the 10.5 x 15 cm calibre and were for 10 field guns which arrived at the end of October 1950 and were brought from BLUTZEN by Volkspolizei, and placed in the Academy grounds. The shells are stacked on wooden racks.

Building 4 is the store for uniforms and equipment. The building is approximately 80 x 30 m in size.

No.5 in Sketch "B", are pistol target practice ranges.

No.6 represents a small sports ground.

Building 7, a one storey building 60 x 40 m in size, is the Club House.

Building 8, is the old riding school and was renovated in 1950 and is now used as a cinema and lecture room. The hall can seat 2,000 persons.

Building 9, was previously the stables, but is now used as a store for tools and equipment.

Building 10, is now in use as a garage for vehicles. About 8 trucks of 3 and 5 ton capacity and 8 cars are parked there.

Building 11 - Gymnasium

Building 12, contains coal storage and pig sties.

Building 13, is used as store for agricultural machinery.

Building 14, a building 90 x 40 m and 12 m high, containing 10 field guns of 10.5 cm and 15 m calibre. The building is guarded day and night by an armed policeman.

No.5 is a water reservoir for use by the fire brigade.

Building 17 is termed block V and consists of lecture rooms for the cadets.

Building 18 contains dining rooms and kitchens

Building 19. The administration branch of the Academy has its offices in this building. On the ground floor is situated the ~~Police Officer~~ with his staff and the control of the alarm system which consists of a network

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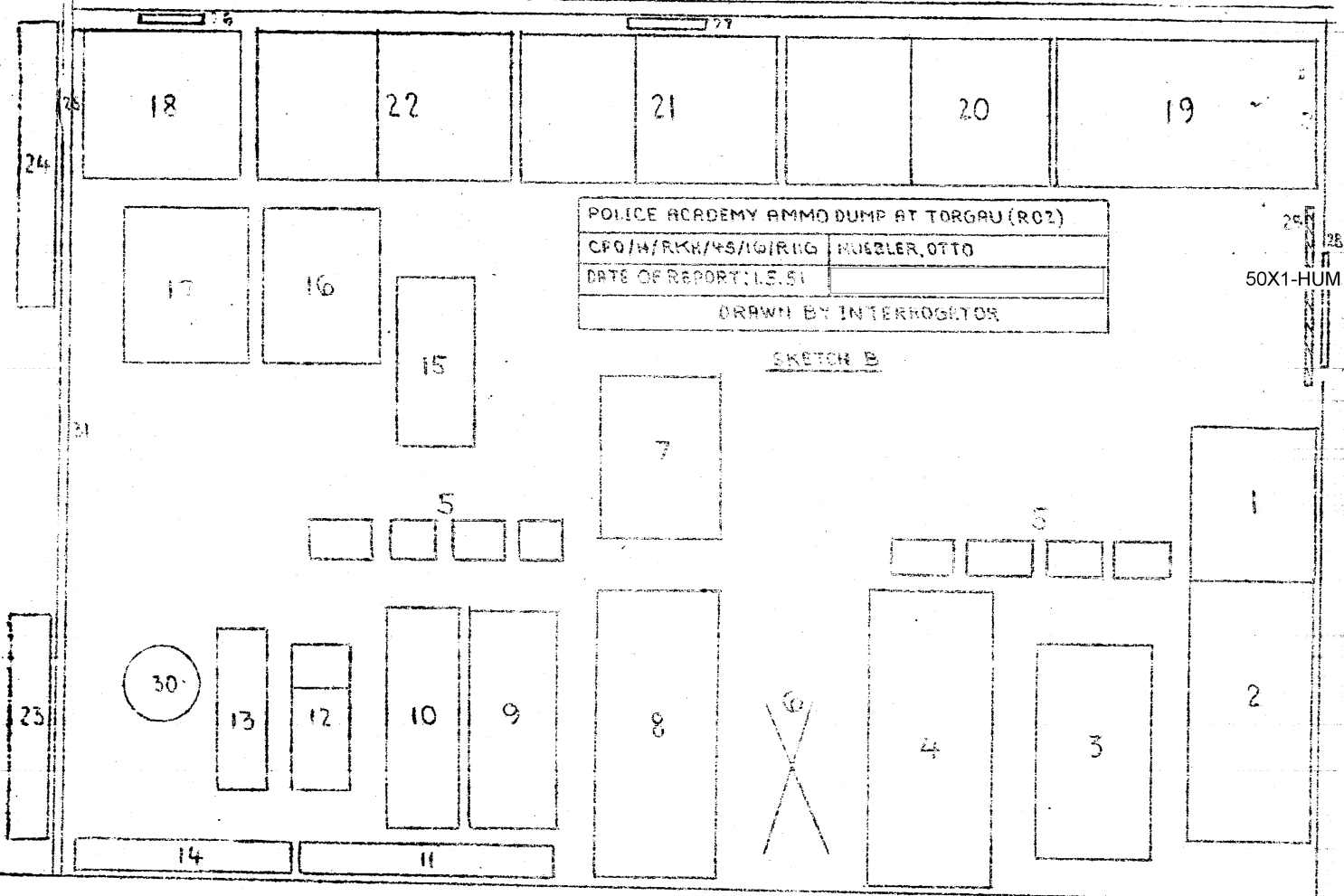
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of loudspeakers in each of the buildings in the compound. Buildings 16, 20, 21 and 22 are the ward rooms and are termed as Blocks I, II, III and IV. In Block I is accommodated the 1st and 2nd Companies. In Block II are the 3rd and 4th companies. In Block III the 5th, 6th and 7th Companies. In Block IV the 8th, 9th and 10th Companies. Buildings 23 and 24 represent accommodation for permanent staff e.g. lecturers, trainers etc. of the Academy. Nos 25, 26 and 27 are gates which are always kept locked 28 is the main and only entrance 29 is the toll-bar 30 is an underground petrol tank containing approximately 6 - 8000 litres of petrol. 31 is a wall recently constructed segregating the buildings accommodating the permanent staff of the Academy. Such personnel are compelled to enter the camp by the main entrance.

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INTERROGATION REPORT OF REFUGEE EX ROZ

SUBJECT:- Ammunition Dump at TORGAU

1. LOCATION

The Dump, termed MUNA TORGAU-ZIDNA by the local population, is situated South of the Police Officers' Academy in the 'EILLENBURGERSTR'.

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3. GENERAL INFORMATION

The area of the dump is approximately 6 x 3 Km in size. In October 1950, approximately 500 male and female civilian workers were employed in the dump. Approximately 900 to 1,000 Russian troops were also attached to the dump. These troops belonged to a punishment unit and had nearly all been sentenced before Military Courts. They were constantly under guard and carried out the same type of duties as the German civilians.

The dump is probably the largest in the ROZ and is the central and main dump. Shells of all calibres were fitted with new detonators and greased and oiled and packed into boxes, prior to despatch.

In October 1950, large quantities of ammunition etc. arrived at the dump and filled it to the maximum capacity.

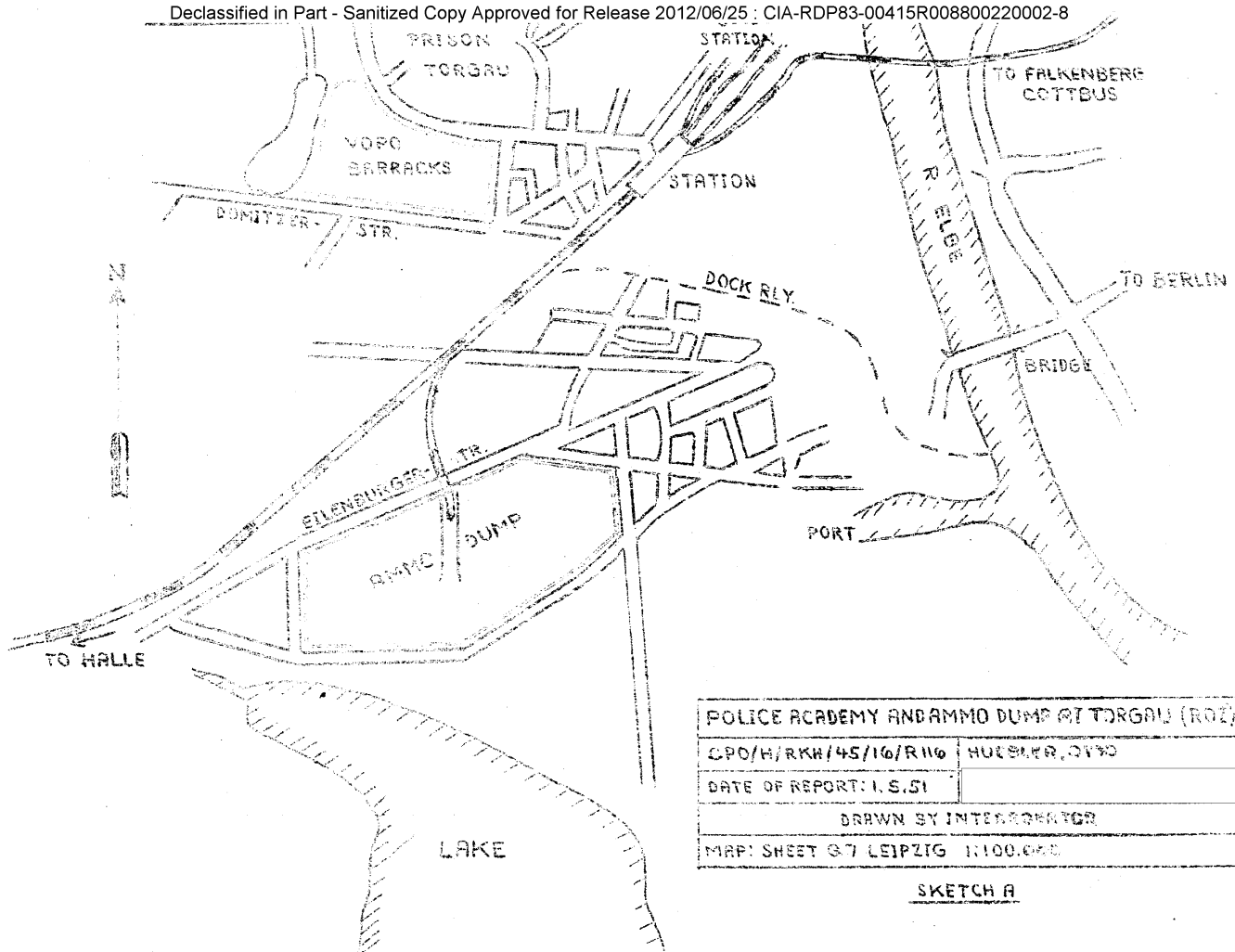
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4. SECURITY

Inside the perimeter there are stationed armed Russian guards. Outside the fence there are German policemen stationed every 20 m. There are approximately 20 Watch towers with searchlight and M.G. which are manned day and night by Russian troops. Work within the dump is undertaken in one shift from 0730 hrs to 1630 hours.

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Informant's Name: Werner KERBIT

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1. [] G.B. BLUMBERG controls the following three Kommandatura and gave the following breakdown.

(i) Grenz Kdtr. BLUMBERG (ii) Grenz Kdtr. SUMMT. (iii) Grenz Kdtr. SCHNEICHE

<u>Kommandos</u>	<u>Kommandos</u>	<u>Kommandos</u>
1. LINDENBERG	1. BARS DORF	1. NEUENHAGEN
2. BERNAU	2. SCHWELINDE	2. HOPPEGARTEN
	3. SCHILDOW	3. SCHNEICHE
	4. CREMENBURG	4. ERKNER
		5. WOLTERSDORF
		6. WERNSDORF
		7. STRAUSSBERG

2. Strengths

[] the overall strength of the G.B. BLUMBERG as between 600 - 650 and the strength of G.B. Stab as between 20 - 30.

[] the strength of the Grenz Kommandatur Stab at between 15 - 20. The establishment strength of each Kdo. is 38, though the actual strength of the Kdos. vary between 25 - 30.

3. Training

[] the 14 day training courses held at Kommandatur SCHNEICHE had been discontinued since October 1950 and training since that date had been given at the respective levels. For Kdo. level it included:-

- (a) P.K. Indoctrination (2 hours weekly)
- (b) Weapon training (2 hours weekly) on Karabine 98K and Pistols 08. (No training had been given on Russian small arms up to the end of April 51).
- (c) Sport (2 hours weekly)
- (d) General training (4 hours weekly) which included normal police training - map reading - and German type Primary training. [] the Kdo had been informed that the Russian type of primary training was to be introduced into the Grenz Polizei in early June 1951.

4. Chain of Command

[] up to 1 February 1951 G.B. BLUMBERG had been controlled by the Abteilung RING UM BERLIN, in BERLIN - WEISSENSEE. Since that date the Abt. R.U.B. has been dismantled and the three Grenz Bereitschaften (i.e. BLUMBERG - FALKENSEE - TELPOW) came under the direct control of the H.V.D. V.P. H/Abt. Grenz.

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(a) The G.B. Leiter:

(b) G.B. P.K. Leiter.

Members of "Abt. K" at G.B. Stab may wear civilian clothes on duty if authorised by the G.B. Leiter. Those on leave have to produce an authorisation signed by G.B. Leiter before being allowed to wear civilian clothes.

6. Morale

the morale was extremely bad and the main reason was the bad allocation of bed linen. Sheets were changed once every six weeks - blankets had not been changed for 12 - 18 months. Many of those serving had minor skin diseases.

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Personalities serving with G.B. BLUMBERG

(a) KRAUSE	Rat.	G.B. Informations Leiter and S.S.D. Representative at G.B. Stab
(b) KRAUSE	O/Rat.	G.B. Leiter since February 1951
(c) BORN	Kommandeur	G.B. Leiter up to 1 January 1951 when he was dismissed from the V.P. in accordance with the reduction in establishment strength to allow persons to enter the industrial 5 year plan.
(d) LORENZ	Rat.	G.B. P.K. Leiter since early 1951. Was
(e) KOLLAT	O/Rat.	G.B. P.K. Leiter up to January, 1951, when was sent to an unknown P.K. school.
(f) UHLE	O/Rat.	G.B. Stabschef since 1949.
(g) KESSLER	Kommissar	G.B. Instrukteur since 1949.
(h) ASSMANN	Rat.	Leiter Kdtr. SCHUNEICHE since June 1950.
(i) REGER	Rat.	P.K. Leiter with Kdtr. SCHUNEICHE since 1949.
(j) KNUCH	Meister	Leiter Abt. K. at Kdtr. SCHUNEICHE.

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1. Designation

Exact designation unknown but [redacted] called 50X1-HUM
"Schule I".

2. [redacted]

3. Location

Former cadets' school (also used as NAPOLA) at NAUMBURG, Kusenerstr.
Garages are being built to accommodate about 8 vehicles.

4. Type of unit and duration of course

Unit is a school for infantry officer cadets and the course which began
in January 1951 is expected to last until December 1951.

5. Strength and Organisation

Total strength about 1000 of which roughly 800 are pupils. The
pupils are divided over eight Kompanien. The No.s 1 to 6 Kompanien are
made up of H/Wm and Meister who were promoted at the former Bereitschaften.
The No.s 7 to 8 Kompanien are made up of a very small number of personnel
from the HVA Wachbataillon but mainly from youths recruited at the end of
1950, the majority of whom are FDJ officials, FDJ members with the bronze
or silver badges for good knowledge, or young activists.

6. Dress and Pay

Pupils wear shoulder boards with silver piping and a silver 'A' in
the middle. They wear officers' collar patches and hat cords. At present
all are being paid according to individual rank held.

7. Armament

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Apart from [redacted] pistols the following are the weapons believed
to be held by the unit.

GermanRussian

Rifle (model 38)
Tommy Gun (model 41)
Machine Gun (model DP)
H.M.G. (model 1918 on wheels)
Mortar (calibre 8 cm).

Pistol (model 38) HMG (Model SMG 08)
Pistol (model 08) Mortar (calibre 8
Rifle (model 98K) cm)
Snipers rifle (model SK43)
Tommy gun (model MP 38)
Tommy gun (model MP 44)
Tommy gun (model MP 44)
Machine gun (model MG 42)
Machine gun (model MG 34)

8. Training

The weekly day-time 40 hours training is divided up roughly as follows:-

Tactics	10 hours
Special training	8 "
Political indoctrination	6 to 8 "
Arms instruction	6 "
Map reading	5 to 6 "
Drill	2 "
Sport/PT	2 "
First aid	1 "
Discipline code	1/2 "

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Before daily training there are fifteen minutes P.T. and an inspection. After daily training there are 45 minutes weapon cleaning, 60 minutes compulsory rest, and 2 hours individual study until the evening meal. After the evening meal there is the so-called free time until 2245 hours when there is the evening roll call and walk before lights-out at 2300 hours.

9. Until the March 1951 tests the only weapon training was on the German rifle and machine gun and the only shooting with small bore rifles and even then only 3 shots. Since the tests instruction has begun on the Russian rifle and light M.G.

10. Tactics taught have been on Russian lines but until the March 1951 tests practically only individual training (i.e. field-craft) with emphasis on how to instruct others. Details were also given on the 3 trench defence system but it was only after the tests that the actual squad training began, i.e.,

Squad in the attack
 " as recon party
 " as point party
 " in street and wood fighting
 " on night work.

11. [redacted] of the difference between the German and Russian tactics [redacted] the Russian attack is so crowded that it must be sheer murder. [redacted] the following coverage figure:

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Defence

Gruppe	100m
Zug	300m
Kompanie	700m
Bataillon	2000m

Attack

Gruppe	30 to 40 m.
Zug	100 to 120 m
Kompanie	300 m
Bataillon	800 to 900 m.

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12. [redacted] information on the 3 trench defensive system. Each gruppe is flanked by an M.G. Distance between 1st and 2nd trenches is 200 to 250m. The H.M.G.s are positioned behind the 1st trench and the A/Tk guns just in front of the 2nd trench. Distance between 2nd and 3rd trenches is 500 to 800 m. The Med. Mortars are positioned behind the 2nd trench and the Heavy mortars behind the 3rd trench with the Artillery $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 Km away from the enemy.

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13. Tactics were taught with an infantry squad of 10 men with two light machine guns. [redacted]

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[redacted] the total strength would be about 4000 and [redacted] the Armoured component would have 10 AFV's and the Artillery component 12 guns).

14. In the Special training pupils were taught the basic principles of the A.F.V., Artillery, Engineers and Signals arms of the service and their co-operation to form one fighting force. In AFV training pupils were being given a description of the T.34 tank, the basic types of AFV attack, and defence tactics and were told

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that Russian AFV formations are troop (3 AFV's), squadron (10), and regiment (22). In artillery training pupils had been given an explanation of the various categories of artillery pieces and that the Russians attack with 250 guns on a 1000 m front. Engineers' training was also mainly theoretical except for practice in the construction of simple obstacles. Signals training had included various methods of passing messages and practical instruction on the Wehrmacht field telephone and initial instruction on an R/T pack set but no morse training.

15. Pupils have only been out twice on night work to accustom them to listening to noises, seeing by night, etc. There have been no marches but a certain amount of ground is covered every week as pupils march out to field training at BAD KUSEN and GROSS WILSDORF.

16. Tests

After the tests held in March 1951 about 20 of the pupils (mainly new recruits) were found incapable of becoming officers and posted to Bereitschaften of their own choice.

17. Summer training camp

No official announcement has been made but on 28th April, 1951 forty policemen were sent away from the unit to a location (unknown) about 40 to 45 Km from the unit barracks. [redacted] three Kompanien would move out on the 9th May for a period of 4 to 5 weeks.

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19. Leave

Each pupil gets out of barracks not more than twice a week. Week-end leave is given every four weeks (normally after duties Saturday to first parade Monday and for those with over 200 Km to travel from after duties Friday to first parade Monday, but one day from the 10 special days leave for the whole year can be added). Pupils are now told that they will be given their annual leave in August at the time of the World Youth Festival.

20. Further 3 years Contract

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[redacted] on the 24th April 1951 all pupils at the school were asked to sign a three years contract (this irrespective of whether the previous 3 years contract had expired or not). First approach was made in the form of "You are going to become officers - you will get your own accommodation - we are sure that you do not want to leave the service now." Those who did not sign immediately were called in and given individual handling by the Kompanie O.C. or political officer and they soon found out that unless they signed they would not be allowed out of barracks. [redacted] everyone in the No. 1 Kompanie signed after pressure had been applied, but [redacted] particularly in the No. 5 Kompanie a number refused to sign saying that they wanted to finish the first 3 years period before signing on. [redacted] the contract was a typewritten document headed "H.V.A." and that there were no special clauses.

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21. Morale

[redacted] at present morale is particularly poor and the main reason is the postponing of the annual leave to August 1951 and secondary one is that there will be no leave of any description for companies while out at the summer training camp. Furthermore the pressure applied to make pupils sign further contracts has not helped to bolster morale. [redacted]

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The unit H.O. was burned down in a recent fire and that has caused unit personnel considerable inconvenience.

22. General

No anti-DDR propaganda has been seen inside the location but at the end of April 1951 a passing car scattered pamphlets to members of the V.P.A. addressed in the street outside the unit location. The only signs of any resistance groups within the unit might be the natural mutual co-operation of the few Berliners none of whom appeared to be particularly enthusiastic about their service.

23. Most popular dance cafes with unit personnel are:

Katskeller (Markt Platz)
Bürger Garten (near Post Heim)
Zur Linde (Altenburg area)

and the following are out of bounds:-

Reiter Schlosschen (town centre)
Zentral Café (Markt Platz).

24. Russian Adviser and M.S.S., L.O.

There is only one Russian in VP Inspekteur's uniform at this location but there are occasional visits of Russians in Red Army uniform with field rank. There is one VP Rat acting as M.S.S. representative but it is thought that he is also responsible for a unit in WEISSENFELS and is understood to have some contact with HALLE.

25. A pupil (Harry JANIG of the No.1 Kompanie, [redacted] formerly with 8 VPB FRANKENBERG and VPB TREPTOW) is understood to be an MSS informant and has tried to recruit others. According to rumours he is understood to have carried out briefs in WEST BERLIN.

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26. PERSONALITIES

(a) HERMANN rank - Inspekteur; status - Schulleiter; [redacted] former Colonel and Regiment's C.O.

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(b) POST rank - O/Rat; status - [redacted] Leiter;

(c) OEST rank - Kommandeur; status - Lehr. u. Ausbildungsleiter; [redacted]

(d) HANSCHMANN rank - Kommandeur; status - Chef Lehr u. Ausbildungsabt; [redacted]

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(e) HARDMUTH rank - O/rat; status - Chief Arms Instructor; [redacted]

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(f) WEINHOLDT rank - O/Rat; status - Chief Tactics Instructor; [redacted]

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(g) POLLACK rank - Rat; status - Deputy Chief Tactics Instructor; [redacted]

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- (h) NAUMANN rank - Rat; status - Political Instructor,
- (i) LINZ rank - O/Komm; status - Political Instructor,
- (j) JENSEN rank - O/Komm; status - Party Secretary;
- (k) ULLRICH rank - Komm; status - S.E.D. Secretary;
- (l) MEINKA Horst rank - Komm; status - Kompaniefü (Kop. 1);

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PART "B"1. Grepo Kommando VALLUHN (T.0652)

The Grepo Kommando in VALLUHN is billeted in a farmhouse belonging to a farmer PETERS, located near the "Gastwirtschaft" 'MUTHEL' in VALLUHN, on the main road BOIZENBURG (S.9835) - ZARRENTIN (T.1155).

The strength of the Kdo. is 40 men and two trained dogs.

The arms consist of .08 pistols and ex-German army rifles. Weapon instruction on an ex-German army machine pistol, started on the 12th April, 1951, but the delivery date of these weapons to the Kdo. in quantity, was unknown [redacted]

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The leading personalities of the Kdo. are:-

Kommandoleiter	-	Kommissar EBEL
P.K. Leiter	-	Kommissar STEINKRAUS
Gruppenführer	-	Oberwachtmeister KNAUL
" "	-	" " " HERMANN
" "	-	" " " SPLITTSTOSSER
" "	-	" " " HASE

The duty of the Kdo. consists of identity checks on all persons encountered in the frontier area between VALLUHN - NEU-GALLIN and VALLUHN - SCHADELAND.

The Kdo. is controlled several times a week by the Russian Officer i/c. Russian Kdo. VALLUHN.

2. Grepo Kommandantur GREVEN (T.0346).

The Kommandantur is billeted in a farmhouse located in the centre of GREVEN, on the main road GREVEN - LUTTENMARK (15-0244).

The strength of the Kdtr. is 30 men.

The leading personalities are:-

Kommandanturleiter	-	Kommissar RUCKERT
Stabschef	-	Polizei Meister MAIN
P.K. Leiter	-	Polizei Rat AHLER

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3. Grenzbereitschaft WITTENBURG

Strength and location unknown to informant.

Leading personalities:-

Bereitschaft Leiter	-	Kommandeur KRAMER
Stabschef	-	Polizei Rat HERSE
P.K. Leiter	-	Kommissar FUNK

4. Grepo Kommando NEU-GALLIN (T.0450)

The Grepo Kdo. is billeted in three barracks located in the woods approx. 2½ km. West of NEU-GALLIN.

The strength of the Kdo. is 40 men and 3 trained dogs.

The duty of the Kdo. consists of the patrolling of the frontier area between NEU-GALLIN - GREVEN.

5. Grepo Kommando SCHADELAND (T.0753)

The Grepo Kdo. is billeted in a farmhouse situated in the centre of the village on the main road TESTORF-SCHADELAND.

The strength of the Kdo. is 40 men and 2 trained dogs.

The duty of the Kdo. consists of the patrolling of the frontier area between TESTORF (T.0755) and SCHADELAND (T.0753).

6. Russian Kommando VALLUHN (T.0652)

The Russian Kdo. is billeted in a farmhouse belonging to a farmer ECKERT, located in the centre of the village, on the main road VALLUHN (T.0652) - SEGRAHN (I5.0354).

The strength of the Kdo. is 30 men and 1 officer. The men wear uniforms with red s/bs and yellow piping and the officer's uniform with yellow s/bs.

The arms of the Kdo. consist of machine pistols, rifles, machine guns and mortars, and the transport comprises two 3 ton "Molotov" [] and two 50X1-HUM "Mercedes" passenger cars.

The duties of the Kdo. consist of the identity checking of all persons encountered on the main road VALLUHN-SEGRAHN during day time. For this purpose a control post, with two men in telephone communication with the Kdo. H.Q., is established some 10 m. North of the road VALLUHN/SEGRAHN and approx. 300 m. East of the boundary.

A night control post, manned by two men, in telephone communication with the Kdo. H.Q. is established on the road bridge across the river BOIZE on the main road VALLUHN/SEGRAHN.

7. Russian Kommando TESTORF (T.0755)

Location unknown.

Strength 30 men and 1 officer.

8. Russian Kommando BOIZE (T.0656)

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Lay out sketch of Volkspolizeidienststelle
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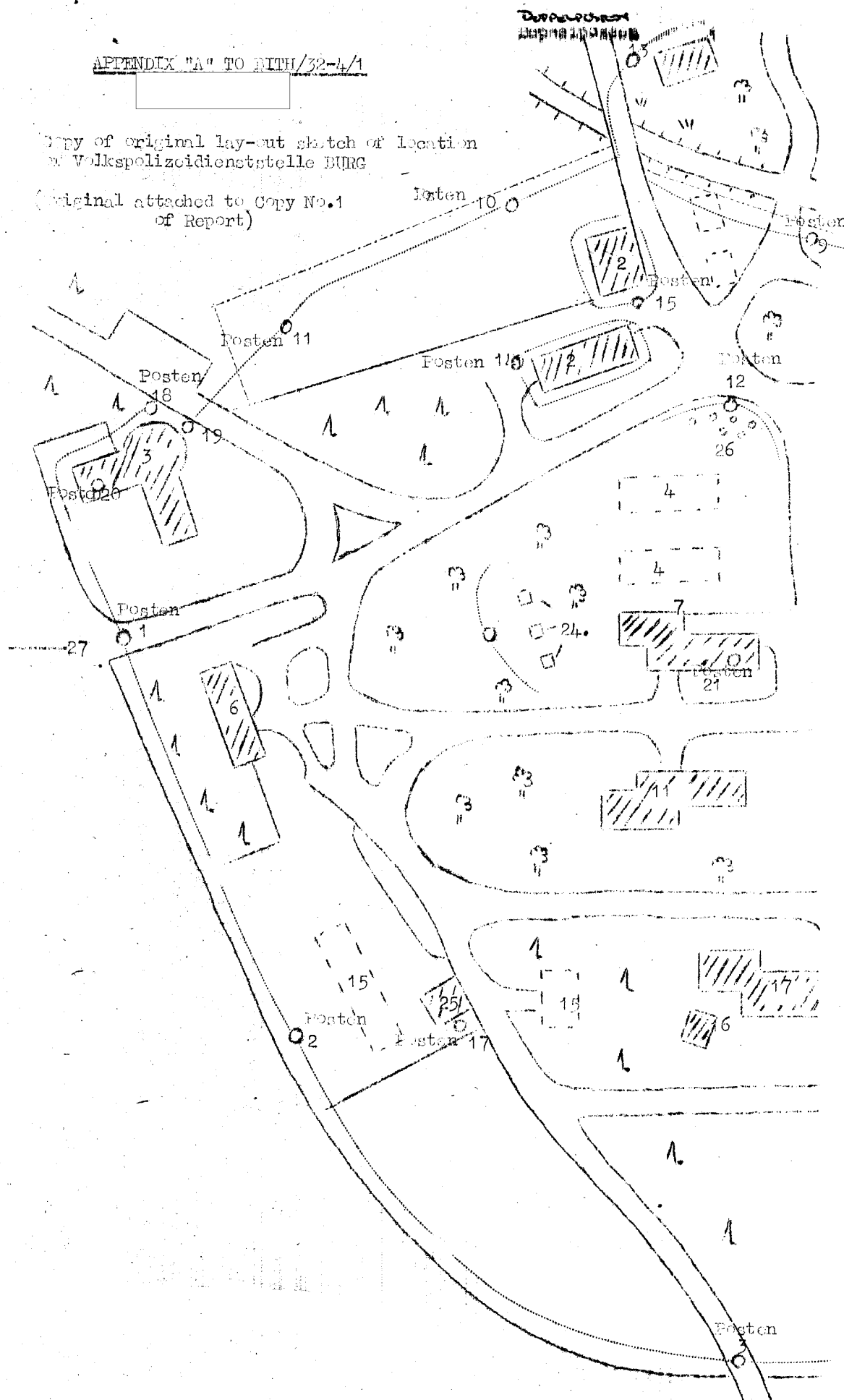
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2. Garages (armour and guns also housed here)
3. Guard Room
4. Demolished building.
5. Shop.
6. Staff HQ
7. Accommodation - Staff and 3rd Sonderabteilung
8. " - 2nd Kommando
9. " - 2nd and 6th Sonderabteilungen
10. Demolished building.
11. Accommodation 2nd Kommando
12. " 1st and 7th Sonderabteilungen and transport section.
13. Waterworks.
14. Accommodation 4th Kommando.
15. Demolished building
16. Stables
17. Accommodation 1st Kommando
18. " 3rd Kommando
19. Fuel stove
20. Medical Section.
21. Accommodation 4th and 5th Sonderabteilungen
22. Demolished building.
23. Officers' quarters
24. Ammunition bunkers.
25. Old ammunition bunker (empty)
26. Petrol storage point.
27. Road to Range

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of Volkspolizeidienststelle BURG

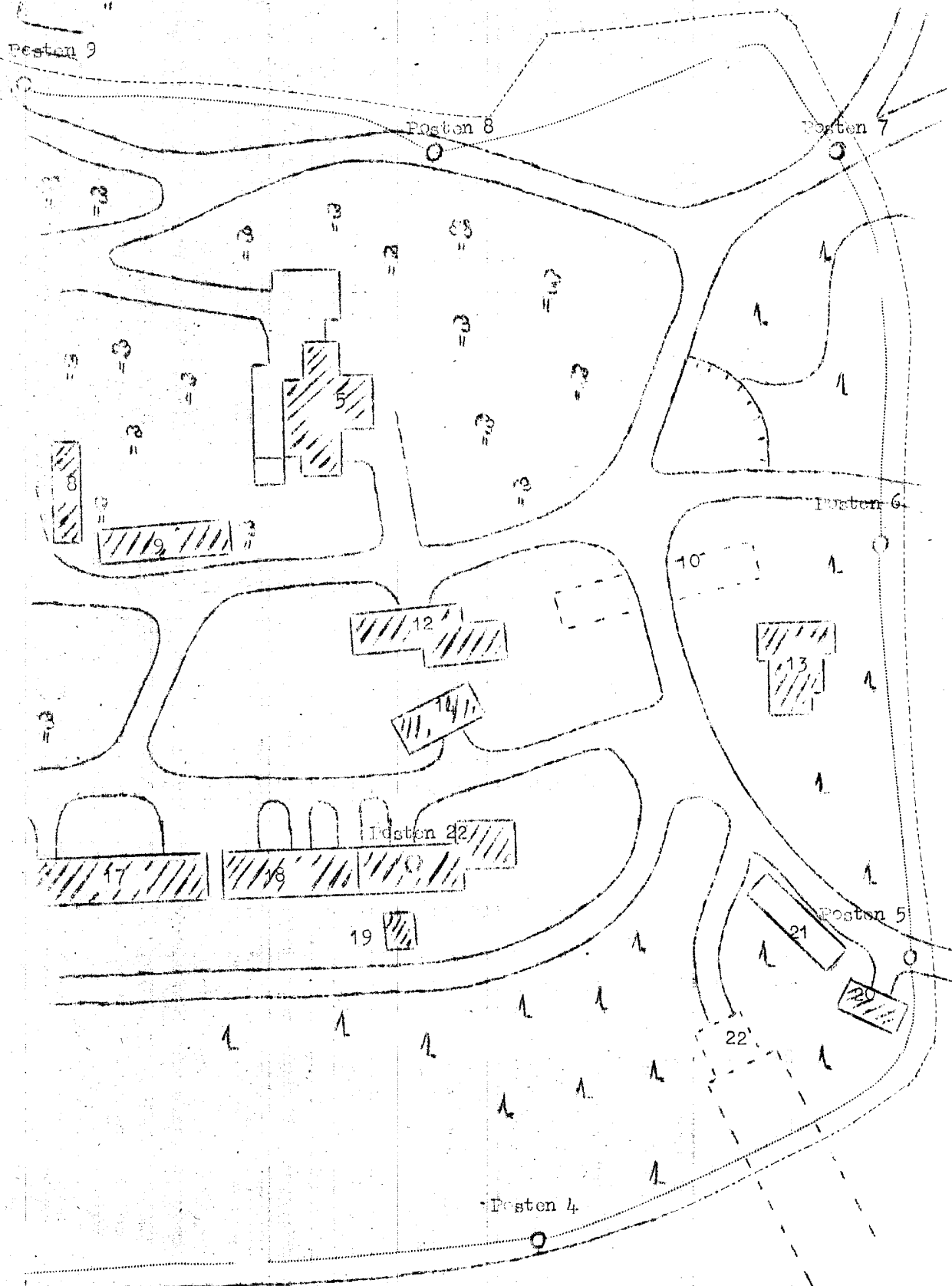
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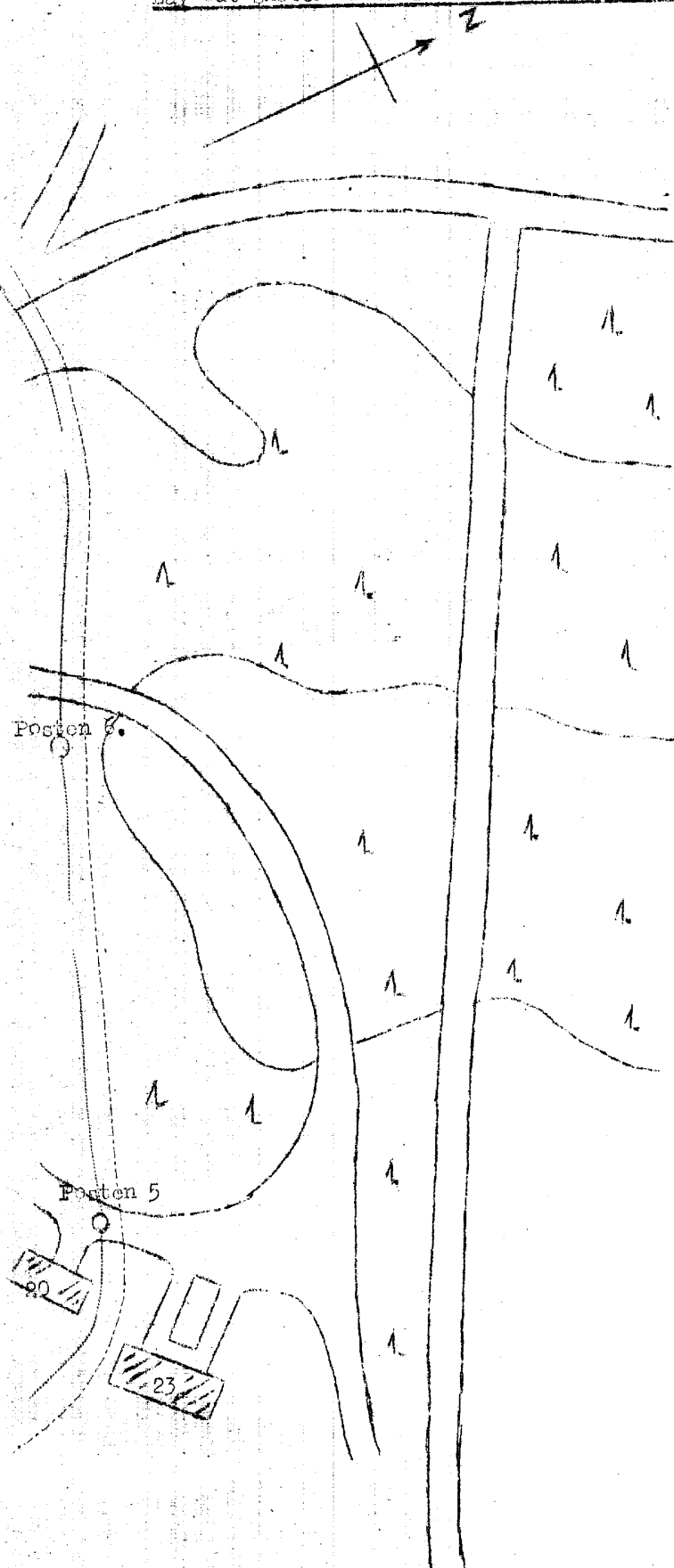
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PART "B"i) Designation, location and strength.

No. 1 V.P. Bereitschaft now No. 1 V.P.Dienststelle STERN-BUCHOLZ.

[redacted] the designation No. 1 Bereitschaft was changed to No. 1 V.P.D. (Volkspolizei Dienststelle) STERN-BUCHOLZ on the 10th January, 1951. 50X1-HUM

The V.P.D. is located in STERN-BUCHOLZ.

The V.P.D. is an infantry unit 1200-1300 men in strength, divided up into 4 Kommandos and a Sonderabteilung.

ii) Leading Personalities.

The leading personalities of the V.P.D. known to informant are:-

V.P.D. Leiter	- Inspekteur THIELE
P.K. Leiter	- Oberrat SCHRAMM
Ausbildungsleiter	- Oberrat MOLLER
Intendanturleiter	- Kommissar RAUDISCH
No. 2 Kommandoleiter	- Kommissar RIEMER
No. 3 " "	- " WENDT

iii) Arms.

The arms of the V.P.D. consist of .08 and 7.65 pistols, ex-German army rifles, sub-machine guns type 3840 and 44, machine guns type 34 and 0815 (water cooled), mortars, six 88 mm guns, four 75 mm. guns, one T 34 tank and 3 light and 2 heavy armoured cars.

iv) Transport.

The transport comprises four 3 ton SIS [redacted] 4 passenger cars 50X1-HUM (BMW), 2 DKW passenger cars and 14 JAVA 350 ccm. motor cycles.

v) Training.

The training consists of general infantry training (weapon instruction, firing practices, field training), and political lectures given by the SED Funktionär and FDJ Fuhrer of each FDJ GRUNDEINHEIT.

vi) Russian control.

[redacted] Russian officers in V.P. uniform control the V.P.D. at irregular intervals. When a control takes place the men have to parade outside the barracks and the Russians inspect uniforms and weapons. 50X1-HUM

vii) Russian liaison.

A Russian officer wearing the uniform of a V.P. Oberrat is attached to the V.P.D. [redacted]

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viii) FDJ Organization.

The V.P.D. is split up in a number of so-called FDJ GRUNDEINHEITEN. Each Grundeinheit is some 200 men strong and political lectures are held once a week.

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The leading personalities of this Grundeinheit are:-

FDJ Sekretär	-	Hauptwachtmeister DAUBNER
Stellvertreter	-	Oberwachtmeister GZECH.

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a) V.P. Summer Training Camp KOSSA
(VPD I LEIPZIG)

1. Location

Camp reported to be located in wooded area

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2. Sub-units participating

early in May 1951, the III Kdo and one or two S/Abt went out to the summer camp for 4 weeks. On 5th June the II and IV Kods marched out under the cover of darkness to this location.

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3. Tents

Russian type tents holding 6 to 8 men each.

4. Armament

The IV Kdo took two of their artillery pieces to the camp (the two Russian 122 mm guns) but only the German small arms. The artillery guns were located somewhere in the area of FRIEDRICHSHUETTE.

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5. IV Kdo also had all its optical and survey equipment with it e.g.

Directors, panorama sights, stereo-telescopes, traverse board, rangefinders,

6. Training

No details

7. Camp routine

Reveille was at 0430 and lights out at 21.00 hours.

8. Command and inspection

During the June period the camp was under the command of Kdr KOPIE (deputy for artillery matters). The C.O. STAIMER and three Russians visited the camp on a number of occasions. There were also inspections from the HVA.

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9. Special note on unit

Heavy equipment strength is reported as:-

3 tanks (T.34) - one delivered in May 1951
 1 S.P. Gun
 1 Recon Car

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- 2 Howitzers (Russians 122m)
- 2 Light howitzers (German 1, F.H.)
- 2 Light Inf. Guns (German 1, I.G.)

Apart from a very limited stock of German small arms the IV Kommando since May 1951 hold the following Russian weapons:-

- 1 H.M.G.
- 1 L.M.G. (with plate type mag)
- 10 Machine Carbines (Model 41 with drum)
- 10 Rifles (Model 38, 5 shot mag)

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INTERROGATION REPORT OF REFUGEE EX ROZSUBJECT:- EAST GERMAN PARA MILITARY POLICE FORCES, GERA

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2. DETAILS OF EAST GERMAN PARA-MILITARY POLICE FORCES, as mentioned in Brief D6 of 9 June 1951a) HAUPTVERWALTUNG FÜR AUSBILDUNG

Commanders Group	Commander Gen. Insp HOFFMANN
Dep Comd & Polit- ical affairs	Gen. Insp DOLLING
Stabschef	Insp HEITSCH
Haupt Abteilg Waffengattungen	unknown
Haupt Abteilg Ausbildung	Insp BECHLER
Haupt Abteilg Polit, Kultur, Aufklärung	Gen Insp. DOLLING
Haupt Abteilg Intendantur	unknown
Haupt Abteilg Baucrosen	unknown
Haupt Abteilg Kontrollen	Kommandant SCHMEITZER

The Hpt. Abtlg Waffengattungen has the following subsidiary departments:

Nachrichten Abtlg which has its HQ at NIEDERLEHME near BERLIN

C.O. Insp REYLMANN
Dep. Komd ROLICH

Panzer wesen
Flak Abteilung
Pak Abteilung
Transport Abteilung
Pionier Abteilung
Artillery Abteilung
Aufklärungs Abteilung
Sanitätswesen

(A department for chemical warfare is about to be inaugurated).

The Hpt. Abteilung Intendantur has the following subsidiary departments:

Kasse Abtlg
Besoldungswesen
Bekleidung
Hauptversorgungslager

b) The "Aufklärungs Abteilung" within the HVA was formed in January 1951.

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(The "Aufklärungs Abtlg" within the Bereitschaften have always existed and are purely of a military nature i.e. advisory body on training syllabus).

c) All personnel of the HVA, including senior officers, were compelled to attend lectures and training periods. One day a week was set aside for this purpose. During the past few months it was each Monday. All personnel of HVA were lectured on political affairs and underwent drill and arms training.

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On Mondays all offices, almost without exception, were closed and only the Guard Battn was present in the HQ building.

The training syllabus included:

- * Field training
- Drill
- Arms drill
- Target practise
- Tactical training
- Political lectures
- Sport

The training was carried out within the precincts of the HVA and in some instances in nearby forests. The lecturers were mostly HVA staff officers, who usually took it in turn to lecture the other officers.

As with all other units, political lectures played an important part.

d) As far as Informant knows, no part of the HVA has been trained to become a tactical HQ in the field.

e) The Guard Battn (500 men strong) guard main doors leading into buildings, and patrol the area by day and night. All large corridors have a special guard. The offices of the two Gen. Inspecteurs had an armed sentry outside each door. Further places which were strictly guarded were the Stores Depot and the Air cory (see Appendices "A" and "B" attached).

f) Towards the end of February 1951 new pay regulations for members of the Bereitschaften were received from the HVA. The new order laid down that in future members holding acting ranks would be paid in accordance with the acting rank held.

About March 1951, HVA routine order was received by the Bereitschaften stating that in future officers were permitted to have up to 21 days annual leave at any time they wished, providing their duties were taken over by another officer. Prior to this order, 50% of the officers were detailed for leave during the first six months and the other 50% during the second half of the year and they were unable to choose their own leave period.

In April 1951 the new training syllabus was received by the Bereitschaften from the HVA to cover the period April, May, June. The syllabus did not contain any drastic changes from the previous one.

3. NACHRICHTEN ABTEILUNG (S2)

This Abtlg. situated in the HVA HQ is purely an administrative one and includes the equipment storage depot.

Informant was unable to state many details of individual HVA Signal Centres in the towns.

Each signal centre consisted of 3 ZUGS, (1 Fernsprech Zug, 1 Funk zug and 1 Werkstattzug with ladestation).

The total number of personnel attached to a Signal Centre was approximately 6 officer, 19 NCOs, and 73 other ranks.

All trainees were sent to the signals training centre at NIEDERLEHM near BERLIN for 4 weeks. The training in the centre was carried out mostly on mobile apparatus. Each Land in the ROZ had a 'Nachrichten Leitstelle' -- which was of a permanent nature with underground cables and fixed apparatus etc.

4. V.P. BEREITSCHAFTEN (Section II of brief)

The name Bereitschaft is now no longer officially recognised, the designation of units having been changed to V.P.D. ('Volkspolizei Dienststelle'). This change was authorised in January last when the general re-organisation of the Bereitschaften was effected.

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a) General and location

Location of the Bereitschaft [redacted] was situated at KEPLERSTRASSE 100, GERA. Attached under Appendices "A" and "B" is a plan of buildings together with key. The buildings were previously those of the 'Zeiss' factory and were of comparatively recent construction.

b) The number of the unit was 2247; [redacted]

[redacted] The ranks of officers are not permitted to be used on envelopes or during telephone calls.

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c) Organisation

The total strength of the GERA unit was 1,700 men, of whom approximately 300 were officers. Although daily one or two new members arrived (probably as a result of the recruiting campaigns) there was no noticeable increase. Decrease in strength did not occur, apart from the single cases of dismissals and defection.

d) The list of personalities of the GERA V.P. is as follows:

i) V.P. Kdr FLUHR

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[redacted]
Holder of medal for distinction at
the Academy at SARATOV

ii) P.K.Oberst MEISTER

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iii) Stabschef O.Rat LAUENROTH

iv) Ausbildung Kdr PIETSCH

v) Art Ausb. Pol. Rat
HEINISCHER

vi) Techn. Abtl. O. Rat KEMEL, Heinz

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vii) Intendent O.Rat MÜLLER

[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Commanding Officer as a result
of M. not attending political lectures.

viii) Nachrichten P.Rat KUHN
Hans

[redacted] Member of VP since 1945.
Has been in PLMA, KOCKENEDT.

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ix) Personal Abtlg. Komm
STOESSEL, Heinz

x) Propaganda Rat ZAHN

xi) Propagandist O.Komm
DRUCKLEMMER, Ulrichxii) Party Secretary P.Rat
GRUB, Julius

xiii) Party functionary P.Kdr MAY

[redacted] Was previous employee of SED and
is now a member of VVN and a known agent
of the MSS.

xiv) FDJ Secretary O.Komm,
HAMMER, Heinz

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xv) Adjutant of the unit P.Komm
BEINERT

[redacted]
Leading functionary of the FDJ.

xvi) Deputy Stabschef P.Komm
JAEGER, Heinz

[redacted] FDJ 50X1-HUM
functionary. Ardent Communist. Cipher
officer. A dangerous informant of the
MSS.

xvii) P.Komm BECKER

[redacted]
interpreter. Attended Antifa school in
USSR and is a known MSS agent.

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xviii) Officer i/c 1st Kdo P.Rat
HEISE

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xix) i/o 2nd Kdo O.Komm
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xx) i/c 3rd Kdo P.Rat
FUESKE

xxi) i/c 4th Kdo P.Rat
HELEWIG

xxii) Ausbildung Kdo Ltd P.Rat
ENDERS

xxiii) i/c 6th Sonderabtlg. P.Rat
BRCCS, Günther.

b) Organisation of GERA Bereitschaft attached under Appendix "C" is a plan of the Organisation excluding representatives of outside agencies.

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The gas training has created a feeling of misgiving amongst V.P. members and they have been consequently informed that in the event of war the Western Powers will commence to use gas immediately.

7. Training

- a) The training programme included field training. One Battalion at a time would go to the forest area around GERA and offensive and defensive tactics on a unit basis exercised. The standard of unit training was good.
- b) In the event of a Battalion proceeding to the 'Battle Area', field equipment consisted of small arms and M.Gs only.
- c) The area is North of GERA and other than a few dug outs and natural observation posts no facilities exist. Field guns and AFVs are not taken on local manoeuvres.
- d) All members of the V.P. including cooks, despatch riders, armourers etc. have one day a week training in arms drill, target practice etc. This training is carried out in the unit grounds.
- e) No practical cooperation between arms has yet taken place. There is no training for special operations i.e. mountain or winter warfare. The pioneer unit of the Bereitschaft is constantly training on a small river on the outskirts of GERA gaining experience in building bridges.
- f) There has been no training with Russian troops. The Russian Liaison Officers attached to each Battalion were the controlling elements regarding the training methods and were constantly dictating to the German officers. These Russian Officers, all SMA representatives, attended a monthly conference of all Russian Liaison officers at the SMA HQ at KARLSHORST. Each of the Russian officers in GERA held the rank of Commander and wore German uniform. One was attached to the Polit Kultur, one to the tank unit, one to the Artillery unit and one to the Infantry unit.
- g) The alarm system is merely the sounding of a siren by the Duty Officer. All officers and men must appear on the parade ground fully dressed but unarmed, each formation in its respective place. Two duty trucks always ready for the purpose, must drive to the various addresses of married members 'living out' and collect them.

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8. Arms Equipment

- a) The equipment of the V.P.GERA was as follows:

Small arms

Approximately 600 German carbines 98 K
 120 M.Pistols MP 42, 47 and 38
 40 pistols 08 and Mauser 7.65
 30 M.Guns MG 42
 20 S.M.guns Mauser 08

Russian arms

40 rifles } used for training purposes only
 40 M.Pistols }

Field guns

Approximately 12 Mortars of various calibres
 1 Field gun Howitzer 18
 2 Heavy Field guns 12.5
 1 Russian Howitzer
 1 Russian anti-tank gun

AFV's

1 T.34 tank (immobile) with muzzle brake
 1 unserviceable armoured car (German)

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Vehicles

Approximately 10 trucks (1 Horch 9 SIS)

15 cars (Opel, BMW, DKW)

(Trucks were for collecting rations, coal etc)

(Cars for individual officers).

SIS trucks were very good on rough ground. German cars of poor quality. Noticeable that bearings and pistons of inferior quality thereby causing innumerable breakdowns.

60 bicycles

10 BMW M/Cycles.

- b) 3 of the SIS trucks arrived from Russia in February last. 2 BMW M/O arrived in March 1951.

- c) Ammunition held was as follows:

Pistol Ammo 08 x 500 (used by guards)

Carbine Ammo x 20000 (used for training)

M. Pistol 44 x 2000

Carbine blanks x 1500 (used for training)

No other stock of ammunition was held at GERA.

The shells for the guns were dummies.

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- d) There are no signs of sub-units specialising in any particular type of gun or AFV.

9. Administrationa) Rations

The quality of the food supplied to the V.P. members is comparatively good. Daily ration scales per person include:

30 gr. butter, 50 gr. sausage, 100 gr meat (in most cases fresh). Bread and cheese is more or less unrationed. No dry food is issued.

In the field, fresh rations are issued. An emergency ration stock for 10 days for the complete camp is always kept in the supply depot at HQ GERA and all perishable goods are exchanged when necessary, mostly daily.

All Breitschaften draw their rations from the local KonsumGenossenschaft.

Field Cooking

In some cases the food (usually stews) is taken already cooked to the field operations and in other cases the meals are prepared in field kitchens.

b) Clothing

there are large stocks of new uniforms held at the Central Depot of the HVA, BERLIN. These uniforms are of a khaki colour and much the same as the British battle dress in design. There are also boots with gaiters attached, a new type of footwear.

In GERA no new uniforms are stored. Old uniforms are repaired by a unit tailor and re-issued.

One new rank sign recently came into being. The new rank is 'Unterkommissar' and the epauletts for this rank are blue surrounded by a silver piping.

At present no uniforms are being replaced. This is probably due to the fact that a new designed uniform will soon be issued.

The Bereitschaft had:

20 Bell tents each for 12 men

10 large tents each for 60 men.

Gas clothing and water proof equipment was not available.

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c) Pay

The only two deductions made from the pay of V.P. members was the tax deduction on a par with normal civilian taxation and 2 Marks monthly as a token fee for travelling on the municipal transport for which they were not normally required to pay.

The V.P. members who were married and living in the town received a living out allowance.

A 3% increase in pay was granted for over 3 years service

A 5% " " " " " " " 5 years service

A 8% " " " " " " " 10 years service

The rates of pay were as follows:

		<u>Taxation</u>
Inspekteur	1200	?
Kommandeur	950	?
Oberrat	800	250
Polizei Rat	650	140
Oberkommissar	570	?
Kommissar	500	?
Unterkommissar und	450	90
Polizeimoister		
Hpt. Wachtmeister	400	?
Ober Wachtmeister	370	?
Wachtmeister	350	?
Anwärter	300	50

10. Leave

- a) 30 days leave is the annual entitlement. Officers can have leave up to 21 days continuous. Other ranks can have 2 leaves of up to 12 days each and the remaining days are usually taken as 1 day weekends.
- b) Officers may only leave camp on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays and may stay out until 06.00 hours the following day. This new restriction came into force in March 1951 and was the cause of considerable dissatisfaction amongst the officers. Officers usually frequent either Cafe 'Quisana' where there is a bar and dancing or the 'Wintergarten'. Other ranks can leave the camp on Wednesday until 24.00 hours and Saturdays until 0200 hours. The ORs usually frequented the 'Volkshaus' which was usually full of V.P. members on Saturdays evenings. V.P. members either walked or travelled by tram from the camp to the town centre.

11. Barracks

- a) The camp was previously a modern ZEISS factory and the buildings are in good condition. Certain modifications have been made to the buildings. A gas chamber for training purposes is under construction. For layout of buildings see Appendix "A".
- b) Only the building housing the HQ staff offices and the buildings in which the guns were kept, were individually guarded (see Appendix "A" blocks "C" and "G").

12. Morale

- a) The majority of the personnel of the Bereitschaft were dissatisfied with conditions, particularly in regard to the long hours of duty, strenuous drill, and the fact that they are unable to obtain their release from the Bereitschaft. Only a few defections have occurred, probably in the region of 1 or 2 a month over the last year.

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13. Politicali) P.K.

- a) The chain of command of the Polit.Kultur in the unit is:
 P.K.Chief. Deputy to Chief of Bereitschaft
 Propagandisten. Responsible for preparation of political lectures
 Party Secretary
 Officers for youth questions (FDJ)
 'Abteilung Kulturellen Massenarbeit' (Theatrical show)
 Sport Abteilung
 Party Control Commission.
 The P.K. representative in each unit is deputy to the O.C. of the unit.

- b) The unit P.K. leader is firstly responsible for the political training of all members of the V.P., and secondly responsible for a careful watch on activities (private lives, associates and political tendencies) of all members.
- c) Officially the P.K.Chief should be contacted in the event of assistance (of a private nature) being required. Very few persons do, however, actually turn to the P.K. representative in welfare matters!
- d) Proportion of training is 30% Political and 70% military etc. The political subjects taught are mainly history of Communism, Marxism and Leninism.

ii) SED and FDJ

- a) There is merely a SED Party Secretary in HQ and a Youth Officers for FDJ affairs.
 Approximately 35% of V.P. personnel are members of the SED.
 Approximately 98% of the youths (up to the age of 25) are members of the FDJ.
- b) On certain occasions formations of V.P. Personnel are selected to take part in political demonstrations. A Company of V.P. were detailed to take part in the last May Day celebrations in GERA and marched as a unit with the procession through the streets of the town.

iii) M.S.S.

- a) Until January 1951, there had only been one HVA Liaison officer attached to a Bereitschaft. Now there are four MSS representatives one of whom is the H.V.A. Liaison officer.
 The function of these officers is the counter-espionage both within and outside the Bereitschaft.
- b) [redacted] It is not known whether the Soviet Security officer runs his own agents.

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14. Russian influenceLiaison officers

- a) The names and Russian ranks of the four Russian Liaison Officers in the unit are [redacted] as follows:

L.O. with Kom. Polit.

L.O. with Kom.Art.

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L.O. with Kom.Tanks.

L.O. with Kom.Infantry

- b) The above officers all came from the SMA and most probably were originally in units comparable with that to which they are attached in the Bereitschaft. None of them could speak German and were compelled to work with interpreters all the time.
- c) The Russian L.Os received their instructions from the SMA HQ KARLSHORST. All L.Os report once a month to their HQ at KARLSHORST. The L.O. can change the training programme and is only responsible to the SMA HQ for such alterations.
- d) [redacted] there is no Russian Security Officer attached to the GERA Bereitschaft. Any items of a security nature obtained by the Russian L.O. are passed to the SMA HQ.

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15. Russian Courses

- a) During 1950, a course for V.P. officers was held in USSR at SARATOV, lasting almost a year.
- b) The course included drill, field exercises, tactical training and political lectures. According to officers attending this course, the most important subject appeared to be the tactical training.
- c) [redacted] the following officers in V.P.GERA who attended courses in USSR (for details regarding some of these officers see para 4, sub-para (d) above).

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	<u>Officers' Course</u> <u>at SARATOV, 1950</u>	<u>Antifa Course</u> <u>as PW</u>
Kdr FLEHR	Yes	-
O.Rat MEISTER	-	Yes
O.Rat LAUENROT	-	Yes
Kdr PLEESCH	Yes	-
P.Rat HUNTSCHLER	-	Yes
O.Rat KEWEL	-	Yes
P.Rat ZAHN	-	Yes
Kom BECKER	-	Yes
P.Rat HEITSE	-	Yes
P.Rat PLESKE	-	Yes
P.Rat ENDERS	-	Yes
O.Kom BUSS	-	Yes
Kom SCHMIDT	-	Yes
P.Rat BROSS	-	Yes

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- d) The majority of officers attending recent courses in the USSR have been promoted to their next highest rank on return to the ROZ. The officers selected for the courses were usually ardent communists. Very few of them learned Russian [redacted] in the USSR. It was generally known that these officers only attended one course in the USSR.

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16. Special Items

- a) [redacted] there have been no exercises with Russian troops, certainly not in regards to the GERA Bereitschaft.
- b) The firing methods for guns, which is taught theoretically in the Bereitschaft, are based on Russian principles. In the past it has been noticed that the German officers have difficulty in learning the new methods.
- c) An intermediary HQ or grouping of units does not exist in the Bereitschaft.
- d) There have been no rumours of an increase in recruiting. The recruiting campaign is carried out continuously by the 'Schutz Polizei' and FDJ.
- e) There has been no mention either officially or unofficially of impending abnormal issues of heavy equipment.

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18. Communications

- a) The Bereitschaften are not permitted to contact each other directly but only through the medium of the HVA. Likewise the only outside governmental agency a Bereitschaft is permitted to contact officially is the 'Schutz Polizei' and then only in cases of defection when an immediate action is necessary. No 'Schutz Polizei' are normally permitted to enter the Bereitschaft compound.
- b) Contact between a Bereitschaft and the HVA is carried out either by telephone, teleprinter or courier. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, two cars (station waggon type) leave the HVA and contact the Bereitschaften in THURINGIA.

19. Operational methods in the field

- a) Offensive
In February 1951, the method of attack was changed. In the past the offensive method has been based on formations attacking in turn and covering one another's advance, with troops taking cover whenever possible. The new method is based on Russian lines and entails a unit attacking en bloc and men advancing at quick pace without taking cover. The maximum distance for artillery fire was 1 Km - Observation posts were sometimes in no-man's land and occasionally behind with the front line of infantry.
- b) Anti-Aircraft
The anti-aircraft training was carried out theoretically only with the aid of small British or U.S. aircraft models and based on aircraft recognition only. The Bereitschaft had no anti-aircraft equipment such as radar, predictors etc.
- c) Drivers' Training
All drivers were trained at the Drivers' Training centre situated at APHOLDA (THUR). Training included experience on all types of vehicles and mechanical instruction. One day a week all drivers in the Bereitschaft had rifle drill and target practice within the Bereitschaft.

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20. Tactical training in the Field

- a) Camouflage was based on similar lines to that of other armies i.e. camouflage nets for vehicles etc.
- b) Stocks of maps for training purposes held by the Bereitschaften are only for the area surrounding GERA.
- c) Medical staff in the field with each Bereitschaft (on paper) is one doctor, several male orderlies and a number of female nurses. At present there is no doctor attached to the Bereitschaft. A civilian medical practitioner and dentist from GERA visits the Bereitschaft during certain hours of the day. In the field there are only a few medical male orderlies attached to the unit. At the HQ there is a medical ward with X ray equipment and a permanent staff of 12 male medical orderlies and 7 female nurses. Each Battalion has its own medical orderly.

21. Engineer units

- a) The pioneers normally have 20 hours a week exercising bridge building, and erecting road obstacles as well as training on explosives. The bridge training is carried out on the River ELSTER near GERA. This training is carried out with rubber pontoons and wooden planks. The equipment of the pioneers is very poor.
- b) Training with mines is carried out with models only.
- c) No training with underwater weapons (frog men etc) or with flame throwers is carried out.

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23. General

Since the re-organisation of the Bereitschaften in January last all Bereitschaften have, apart from the code number, a code name. These code names were changed weekly and the new code name received from the HVA by special courier. The name, usually of flowers or animals was of a Top Secret nature and notified only to the two most senior officers. The period of the use of the name varied from 5 - 8 days. In the notification from HVA it was usual to mention the time and date from when to when the name was to be used. The telephone number of the Bereitschaft is also kept secret and is known to the senior officers only. This number is also frequently changed. In the event of a Bereit driver having an accident with his car on the road, he has no means of telephoning his HQ. HVA also periodically changes the book cipher used by the Bereitschaften for coded messages.

24. MSS Office, GERA

The MSS offices in GERA are situated at Blücherstrasse. Designation of unit is:

Ministerium für Staats Sicherheit

Kreis Dienststelle - GERA.

There were approximately 10 - 15 personnel in the office. Names and particulars of personnel are not known to Informant.

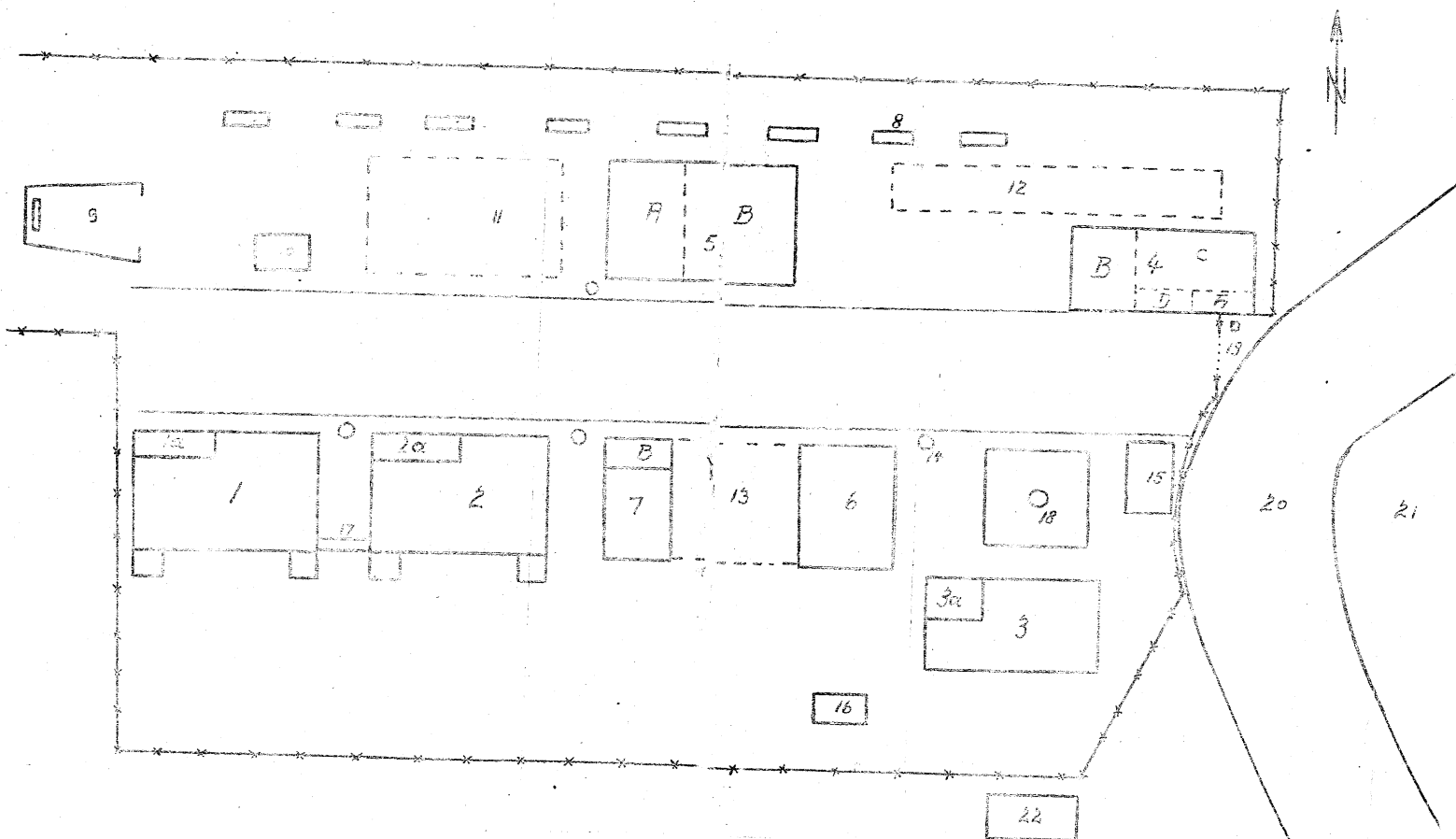
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APPENDIX A



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Organisation of BERETSCHAFT.

Rgt. Commander

Rgt. Commander

Stabschef

Intendant

Ration

Uniforms

Medical

Maintenance

Fuel Supply

S 4

Anti Tank

9 Guns

S 5

Anti Aircraft

2 Zug H. Guns

1 Zug L. Guns

Each Group H. Guns

1 Gun

Each Group L. Guns

2 Guns

S 7 Tanks

4 Zug

2 Zug H. Tanks

1 Zug L. Tanks

1 Zug Arm. Cars

2 Vehicles each

Group, 7 Officers

S 6

Heavy Mortar

3 Zug

1 Group 2 Mortars

Transport

Mobile

3 Zug

Each Zug

2 Groups with

2-4 Vehicles

1 Group Worksh

S 1

Aufklaerung

1 Zug Vehicles

2 Zug Mounted

3 Zug Bicycles

Total 98 men

incl. 6 Offic.

S 2

Signals

1 Zug Telephone

2 Zug W/T

3 Zug Workshop

S 3

Pioneers

1 Zug Bridge

2 Zug Bridge

3 Zug Pontoon

Permanent

Unit with

HQ

Chemical

Warfare

at present 4
instructors u.
a chief instr.

1st Battal. Infant.

2nd Battal. Infant.

3rd Battal. Infant.

4th Battal. Artillery

Each Inf. Battal = 4 Coys

Each Coy of Battal = 3 Zug

4th Coy = 18 HMG

Each Zug = 3 Groups

Each Group = Group LDR

Assast. Gr. LDR

2 LMG (4 men)

1 sharp shooter

3 Riflemen

Each of first 3 Coys

3 Zug with 3 Groups each
with 1 field gun = 27 guns

4th Coy with 3 Zug

each Zug with 3 Groups

each Group with 2 HMG = 18 HMG

5th Coy Mortars

Each Zug with 3 Groups

each Group 2 Mortars = 18 Mortars

Signals Unit

(Nachrichtenstaffel)

The above lay out agrees with that of the GERA BERETSCHAFT with the exception of certain heavy infantry armament, guns and tanks that are not issued to the unit yet.

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KEY TO SKETCH (App A)

1. Block A.
1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalion Barracks
1st and 7th Sonderabteilung Barracks
1a) Armoury for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalion
2. Block B
4th battalion barracks
2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Sonderabteilung barracks and transport office
2a) Armoury
3. Block C
Commander's Office
Administration HQ
Anti-tank unit HQ
MSS office
Teleprinter Section
Telephone exchange
3a) Transport workshop
Ration store in cellar
4. Block D
A. Guard House
B. Kitchen No. 1
C. Dining room OR
D. Dining room Officers
Ration store.
5. Block E
A. Garages for transport
B. Dining room for transport personnel
Cinema and theatre
Kitchen No. 2
Fire prevention equipment store.
6. Block F
Boiler room
Construction office
Coal store
7. a) Gun shed
b) Armoury workshop
8. Munition stores
9. Small calibre rifle range
10. Fuel store
11. Open air storage of Pioneer implements
12. Obstacle training course
13. Sports field
14. Water taps (Hydrants)
15. Shop of H.O.
16. Ash dump
17. Passage between Blocks A and B
18. Lenin monument
19. Entrance
20. KIEPLERSTR
21. Meadow used as training field for exercises
22. Shed like building

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PART "B"Subject: ROZ POLICE: (i) VP Grenzberietschaft, ELLRICHLAND THUERINGENBereitschaft HQ

1. The Bereitschaft HQ is accommodated in two villas at the side of the Lunepark in WERNERSTRASSE. It has a strength of about 80 officers and men, including ten men of the guard platoon. The principal officers are as follows:-

Bereitschaftsleiter	Kommandeur	ELLENBERGER
P.K. Leiter	Folrat	SCHUMANN
Chief of Staff	Polrat	SCHMEISER
Intendant	O/Komm.	ELTNER
Parteisekretaer	O/Komm.	SPARSCHUH
Personalabteilung	Komm.	ROTE

(Former Chief of Staff O/Komm. KASTNER was demoted from Polrat and posted sometime between April and June 1951).

Subordinate Formations

2. The VPG Bereitschaft has three VPG-Kommandanturen subordinate to it.

- (i) VPG-Kommandantur BENNECKENSTEIN - Kommandos ROTHESUETTE, remainder not known.
- (ii) VPG-Kommandantur GUDERSLEBEN - Kommandos ZIEGELEI (ELLRICH); OBERSACHSWERFEN; LIMLINGERODE; GUDERSLEBEN and Inter-zonal Kommando.
- (iii) VPG-Kommandantur WORBIS - Kommandos WEHNDE; JUETZENBACH; NEUENDORF and SIEMARBE.

Kommandantur GUDERSLEBEN

3. The Kommandantur and the Kommando are located together in two huts and three houses in GUDERSLEBEN

their combined strength amounted to 50 officers and men and ten horses. Units subordinate to Kommandantur GUDERSLEBEN are as detailed above;

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information were the following:

- (i) Kommando ZIEGELEI - () it was known by this name and not as Kommando ELLRICH).

It is accommodated in the brickworks at MR D 022 367 and has a strength of 32 officers and OR's.

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Sheet 4Kommandantur GUDERSLEBEN (Contd):-

- (ii) Inter-zonal Kommando ELLRICH - It is located in railway buildings and huts belonging to the railway station [redacted] It has a strength of 23 officers and OR's and the leading personalities are as follows:-

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Kommandoleiter
P.K. Leiter
i/c Card Index

Komm.
Polmstr.
"

AURIN
~~BENCKENHOF~~
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Subject: ROZ POLICE: (ii) K.P.P. ELLRICH

LAND THUERINGENGeneral Organisation

1. There are now three separate bodies at the K.P.P., all of whom play some part in the control of the traffic passing through it. They are:

- (i) VP Interzonal Kommando, which registers all persons and vehicles, checking them against the Watch List, and handles the traffic in general.
- (ii) A.K.W. (Amt fuer Kontrolle der Waren), which is responsible for goods and currency passing through the K.P.P.
- (iii) Russian Military who man the barrier and keep their own register of persons passing through.

The KPP is under the command of a Russian civilian who does not, however, appear to exercise any direct command over the Russian soldiers. Up to April 51, this post was filled by a Russian officer in uniform, who was at the same time in command of the Russian outpost stationed at the KPP.

VP Interzonal Kommando

2. This is accommodated in the buildings and huts at the railway station at MR D 024 359 and has a total strength of 23 officers and OR's. Two men do a 24-hour tour of duty on the main railway station, and two guard commanders do alternate 24-hour tours of duty at the KPP, while the others are disposed as follows: one man at the barrier, two at the registry, and the remainder generally handling traffic and shepherding passengers through the various processes.

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3. The A.K.W. has a strength of about 30 men, all of them civilians since about 17 June 1951 when they were released from the police. They are divided into two sections of about equal size, one of which works on the main railway station and the other at the KPP. They are responsible for checking passengers and their baggage and currency, and for searching commercial vehicles and checking their loads against their bill of lading, and also keeping a register of all goods brought through. They are directly under the command of the Russian civilian and refer to him when in doubt. Leading personalities of the A.K.W. are as follows:

Head	BRAST	(formerly H/Wm.)
i/o Road Traffic	SCHIEBE	" Wm.)
i/o Railway	SCHREIER	" O/Wm.)

Russian Military

4. The Russian outpost which was formerly stationed at the KPP was withdrawn to ELLRICH some time between April and June 1951. Now there is only one man on sentry duty at the barrier and one Sergeant who keeps a register of travellers during the day, and two men on duty at the barrier at night. They come from the unit in ELLRICH and [redacted] altogether there are about three sergeants and ten to twelve OR's engaged on this duty. Their SB's are black with yellow piping. An NCO apart from keeping a register of the Russians do not concern themselves with goods, persons or vehicles passing through.

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The soldiers on duty at the KPP now wear blue breeches and a peaked cap. This new uniform was introduced sometime between the 20 April - 20 June when Source was away.

Procedure5. (a) Persons

When travellers arrive at the barrier their documents (IZ-Pass, Identity Card and Aufenthaltsgenehmigung) are examined by the official on duty where and if they are in order are passed on to the registry while the traveller is directed to the waiting room. The traveller's name is checked against the card index and is then entered in the register by the police and in the Russian register by the Russian Sergeant. The person and his papers are then taken on to the A.K.W. (which at present operates in the police club room, its own hut not yet being ready), and the person is then questioned about the currency and goods which he has with him and if necessary is searched. Private cars are registered by the VP and the documents are compared with the chassis and engine number by the A.K.W. The Russians do not concern themselves with cars.

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Sheet 6Procedure (Cont.)5. (b) Goods

The papers of goods vehicles are registered by the VP. The load is then searched and checked against the bill of lading (Warenbegleitschein) by the A.K.W. The Russian soldiers do not concern themselves with goods. The Russian civilian officer is only consulted by the A.K.W. in cases of doubt.

(c) Railway Station

Only inter-zonal goods trains pass through ELLRICH railway station and these are searched and the loads compared with the accompanying documents by the officials of the A.K.W.

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travellers whose travel documents had been altered (as for example, an alteration to the date for which the IZ-Pass is valid) could be arrested and given up to five months imprisonment, whereas previously they had merely been turned back at the barrier.

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Up to about the 17 June 1951 the men of the Inter-zonal Kommando examined travellers' baggage and currency, and the A.K.W. only dealt with travellers who had a quantity of goods with them. Now, as described above the A.K.W. check all travellers' luggage and currency and carry out all body searches.

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(a)

VPD (Bereitschaft) ZEITHAIN1. Designation

VPD 2155

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3. Location

Building is in progress at the ZEITHAIN location and as soon as it is completed the II and III Kdos and 2 S/Abt will move there from PIRNA.

4. Strength and recruits

The total strength in July 1951 was 416 officers and about 1,350 OR's. This figure includes about 250 policemen who have been recruited since the re-organization. [redacted] the unit is still attempting to recruit another 100 men to bring the unit total to its establishment figure of 1800.

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5. Organisation

The course that was being held for officers not holding established posts finished in April or May 1951 and these officers were then fitted in to various posts.

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6. Detached on courses

In early June 1951 about 16 officers went on a [redacted] course at NIEDERLEHME and on their return another 10 went there. Three officers from the unit attended a PK course at POTSDAM from early February to mid-June 1951. In February 1951 four Meister from the unit went on an Infantry course at GLOWEN and they returned as U/Komm. about the middle of June 1951. In May 1951 about 10 OR's were sent to the M.T. school at APPOLNSDORF where they are being trained as M.T. instructors. Three Intendantur officers left the unit about the middle of June 1951 to attend a course at GROSSENHAIN which is being held prior to the opening of a Q.M. school in LEIPZIG.

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7. Heavy equipment

- 1 Tank (old type T.34 with 7.62 cm gun)
- 2 Tracked vehicles [redacted]

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1 Howitzer (Russian 122 mm)

3 Russian guns "of the next smallest calibre"

2 Heavy Mortars (Russian 12 cm).

8. Other Armament

[redacted] the I Kdo apart from its German weapons holds

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50 to 60 Russian rifles and about 35 Russian machine carbines.

9. M.T.

Includes: 7 [] (of four various makes), and
2 Ambulances.

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10. C.W.

[] there was a Gas Officer held on the staff but he was mainly employed looking after the unit guard.

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11. Morale

[] the morale is poor and [] as the main reason the fact that the majority had been promised that after they had completed their original course they would become NCO's and posted either to their local police authorities or the unit nearest their home. The next reason is that the officers who were produced by the VP Schulen last year have far less practical knowledge than many of the OR's who served with the Wehrmacht - to say nothing of their complete lack of experience. A third reason is the lack of leave and when they do get it the time allowed is much too short. The morale is reflected in the poor discipline and OR's fail to salute officers and walk around slovenly dressed.

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12. There has been one attempted suicide at PIRNA. This year there have been about 18 dishonourable discharges and 25 dismissals. There are usually about 10 policemen held in arrest.

13. General

Only 25% of the unit is allowed out on Wednesday evening and 50% on Saturday and Sunday. The 50% includes those on weekend leave which is usually granted to individuals about every five weeks.

14. The policemen mainly go to ZEITHAIN, RÜDERAU, JAKOBSTHAL or RIESA when they have an evening off.

15. Russian Advisers

[] seen 4 Russian Advisers in VP Uniform, and one in civilian clothes. A Kommandeur MASSLOV appears to be responsible for infantry training, a Kommandeur KOSENKOV for political indoctrination, an unidentified Kommandeur for A.F.V. training, and an O/Rat for artillery training. [] seen them also in Red Army uniforms and they held ranks corresponding to their VP ones and come from the respective arms of the service (the political officer was from the infantry). [] apart from supervising the training they also come and ask for such things as strength returns and statistics of policemen who have overstayed their leave. [] on occasions they take an active part in the training and [] the O/Rat giving examples of Russian fire orders. [] at their suggestion certain instructors who have proved to be unsuitable have been removed from their posts.

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[] the C.O. has no real power of his own.

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16. The civilian is called LEGEDA and as he works closely with the MSS Liaison officers [] he is R.I.S. Last year he was responsible for the VPS PIRNA. [] he comes every day. [] LEGEDA is based on RIESA or DRESDEN.

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17. Interpreters to the Advisers are U/Komm BOCKRANDT and H/Wm WISTOWA.

18. MSS Liaison officers are:

(a) KLINGER rank - O/Komm; [redacted]

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(b) MULLER Heinz rank - O/Komm; [redacted]

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These officers are on the ration strength of the unit but are not included in the establishment.

Note: [redacted]

no

persons were dismissed from the unit without official application by the unit.

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19. Personalities

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(a) SCHNEIDER Karl rank - Kdr; status - Bereitschaftsleiter; [redacted]

(b) LOHBERGER Kurt rank - Kdr; status - PK Leiter; [redacted]

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(c) KEUSER Georg rank - O/Rat; status - Training officer; [redacted]

(a)

(d) HAAKE Wilhelm rank - O/Rat; status - Artillery Adviser; [redacted]

(e) FISCHER, Erich rank - Kdr; status - Technical officer; [redacted]

(f) VOIGT Werner rank - O/Rat; status - Stabschef; [redacted]

(g) PISCHEL Otto rank - Rat; status - 1st Deputy Stabschef; [redacted]

(h) OTTE Rolf rank - O/Komm; status - 2nd deputy Stabschef (Planning) [redacted]

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- (i) JANICH Walter rank - Komm; status - 3rd Deputy Stabschef (Coding officer); [redacted]
- (j) PÖTZSCH Rudolf rank - Komm; status - 4th Deputy Stabschef; (Personnel); [redacted]
- (k) POLDRA Arthur rank - Komm; status - Adjutant; [redacted]
- (l) HOLLAND Kurt rank - Kdr; status - Intendant; [redacted]
- (m) MEISSNER Hans rank - O/Rat; status - Signals officer; [redacted]
- (n) HOPFER Gunther rank - O/Rat; status - i/c Signals training; [redacted]
- (o) SCHLEITER Max rank - O/Komm; status - responsible for Arty training or guns; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (p) KAISER Rolf rank - Komm; status - Gas officer; [redacted]
- (q) VOIGTLÄNDER Walter rank - O/Rat; status - Chairman PKK; [redacted]
- (r) MARGOSCH Anton rank - O/Komm; status - Party Secretary; [redacted]
- (s) SCHUBERT Wolfgang rank - U/Komm; status - Youth Secretary; [redacted]
- (t) SCHINKUTH Hubert rank - Rat; status - Propagandist; [redacted]
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- (u) REXIN rank - O/Rat; status - Leiter, I Kdo; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (v) SEIFERT rank - O/Komm; status - Leiter, II Kdo; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (w) SEIDLER rank - Rat; status - Leiter, III Kdo; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (x) SCHENIG Gunther rank - O/Komm; status - Leiter, IV Kdo; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (y) BODLER rank - Komm; status - Leiter S.1; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (z) STREMECK rank - Komm; status - Leiter S.2; [redacted]
- (aa) GOSSART rank - Komm; status - Leiter S.3; [redacted]

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- (bb) HILLMANN rank - Komm; status -- Leiter S4;
- (cc) MAJEWSKI rank - Komm; status - Leiter S5;
- (dd) DIEK rank - Komm; status - Leiter S6;
- (ee) SCHRÖDER rank - O/Rat; status - Leiter S7;

20. Recent orders issued by the HVA

(i) Officers with no establishment

An order dated July 1951 stated that with immediate effect all NCO's filling officer establishments were to be withdrawn and those establishments filled by officers who till now have had no established posts.

(ii) Reduction in establishment

An order dated the end of June 1951 stated that the officers holding the appointment of deputy troop leaders "Zugfuhrer Gehilfen" are to be downgraded to section leaders (Gruppenleiter).

(iii) Intermediate Lists

An order dated June 1951 stated that tests would be carried out that month. The test questions were set by the HVA but were only to be carried out in the unit on a percentage basis to establish a rough average standard of training.

(iv) Loss of service cards

Order No. 222/51 laid down that the new Service Cards will be held by the Abteilung's office and only handed to the individual when he is going on leave or on evening pass. In the event of loss the responsible party is to be punished. All losses must be reported immediately to the HVA including a note of the action taken (report to Abt K of the nearest VPKA). Service Cards lost inside the unit must be found. A final report is to be made to the HVA within 8 days.

(v) Re-militarisation Plebiscite

Order No. 95/51 by the Leiter HVA regarding the Volksbefragung reads roughly "That all officers and OR's must fight harder and more determinedly against the American imperialists in order to ensure peace in Europe. This struggle must be carried on in close co-operation with the Red Army.

21. Order concerning VP duties during World Youth Festival

An order by the Leiter HVA referred to 'Absperrdienst' (assumed to mean guarding of vulnerable points and lining routes) to be carried out by HVA unit personnel during the World Youth Festival. This unit (ZEITHAIN) is to provide up to 450 all ranks who will be dressed in normal VP uniform and be equipped with full marching order. Officers and senior NCO's will be armed with pistols (16 rounds of ammunition) and OR's with rifles (30 rounds of ammunition).

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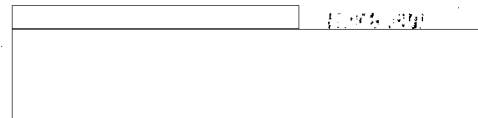
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Advance party to move on 16 July 1951 and the main party on 26th July.
Unit to provide 4 lorries, 2 cars, and 1 m/c.

NOTE: [redacted] they will remain in BERLIN
for 3 weeks and be accommodated in FRIEDRICHSFELDE and
WUHLHEIDE.

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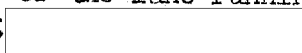
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(b) VP Summer training camps LICHTENSEE (VPD ZEITHAIN)
and JACOBSTHAL (VPD DÜBELN)

1. Locations

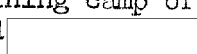


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Summer training camp of the VPD ZEITHAIN is reported to be located on either side of the lane running north-west from LICHTENSEE and cutting 

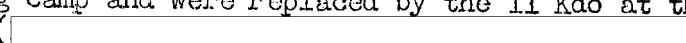
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Summer training camp of the VPD DÜBELN is reported to be located in the wood 

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3. Sub-units participating

At the beginning of May 1951 the III Kdo of the VPD ZEITHAIN went out to the summer training camp and were replaced by the II Kdo at the beginning of June 1951. ( the 50X1-HUM camp would not be carried on over the period of the World Youth Festival).

4. Training

No details as Informant did not take part himself.

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(a) VP Summer Training Camp KLEIN MÜHLAU (VPD KOCHSTEDT)1. Location

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Camp stated to be located in the area

2. Sub-Units participating

The III and IV Kdos marched out to the summer training camp during the night of 9/10 May. (The Engs troop of the III Kdo had previously gone out to prepare the location for them).

3. The Engs and Sigs troops of the III Kdo remained at the summer camp location until only 23/4 May 1951 when they were sent back to the unit.

Note: It was stated that the general summer training plans had been revised and that the Engs and Sigs troops attached to INF Kdos would go to the summer camps at a later date with their respective S/Abt'n.

4. Equipment

The Sigs troop of the III Kdo took no equipment with them and borrowed what was needed from the Sigs element of the IV Kdo. The latter had field telephones, manual exchanges, and two R/T sets (Feldfunksprecher 'Friedrich') with them.

5. Artillery

There were no artillery pieces at the location but it was expected that guns would arrive.

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6. Duty routine

Reveille was at 05.00 and training continued until 17.00. Evenings were occupied by cultural activities and party meetings. Lights out was at 23.00.

7. Training

The Sigs troop of the III Kdo was mainly employed laying the lighting for the PK, Medical, Cook-house, and Cinema tents. A limited amount of training was carried out and the telephone operators helped their colleagues from the IV Kdo to lay their lines. Wireless operators merely practised morse.

8. Command and inspection

Rat WACHTER (Leiter, III Kdo) was in charge of the camp but about every second day a senior officer from the unit's staff inspected the camp.

9. Food

Food was fresh and the quantity was above normal as all extra food was sent out from the unit. There were five field kitchens there and one built in boiler.

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(b) Short notes on Signals Element of VPD KOCHSTEDT

1. The Signals troop attached to the III Kdo had a strength of 3 officers and 14 OR's. [redacted] they did very little training at all. Their signals training (anything up to 10 hours weekly) was given together with the 2 S/Abt.

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2. The 2 S/Abt held the following equipment:

W/T

- 5 or 6 Field R/T sets (Type 'Friedrich')
- 1 Sender, 5 watt
- 1 Pack receiver (Type 'Bertha')
- 1 Ultra shortwave sender, 10 watt
- 1 Ultra short wave receiver

Note: All former Wehrmacht sets.

Telephone Equipment

- Field telephones (FF 33)
- Adapters field to PO lines (Model 33)
- Telephone exchanges (Model 33)
- 10 Line Manual exchanges
- Field manual exchanges (Model 16)
- Superimposing transformers.

Apart from Wehrmacht equipment, the unit had a few American type field telephones (Model believed to be '3C' - type that can be switched to operate either by ringing or visual signal).

3. Special note

[redacted] KOCHSTEDT, like other units, maintains a W/T station equipped with either an 80 or 100 watt sender and two or three 'Bertha' type receivers. The station has never been used nor is it at present manned.

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c) V.P. Summer Training Camp NIEDERLEHME -
special signals courses

1. Location

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Camp located roughly in area [redacted]
 [redacted] immediately South East
 of permanent location).

2. Duration of courses

The first course began on 28 May and terminated on 14 June 51. The second course began on 15 Jun and was due to finish on 30 June 51.

Note: It is understood that there would be no more courses held until after the World Youth Festival, as the camp is going to be used to accommodate policemen coming to BERLIN.

3. Pupils

The first course was attended by about 460 all ranks, and the second by about 400 all ranks. These 'pupils' came from all Bereitschaften in the R.O.Z. [redacted] the ranks of the pupils varied from Wm to O/Rat but that about 70% were officers. The officers and OR's had the same instruction.

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4. Instructors

[redacted] there were no instructors as such. Apart from a small staff, it was the practice to choose lecturers from the ranks of the 'pupils'. Leading personalities were:-

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- a) GUTZEIT rank O/Rat; status, i/c camp; [redacted]
- b) KLEINE rank Rat; status, i/c training; [redacted]
- c) MOSCH rank Komm; status i/c political indoctrination; [redacted]

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but there were a few O/Komm and Komm on the permanent staff.

5. Daily Routine

05.00 Reveille; PT; Wash-up, etc.
 06.30 - 07.00 Breakfast
 0730 - 0800 Morning inspections or political information.
 0800 - 12.00 Training
 1200 - 14.00 Mid-day meal and rest period
 14.00 - 16.00 Training
 1600 - 18.00) Two shifts, swimming
 1800 - 20.00) and evening meal.
 2100 - 22.00 Cultural activities
 or 2100 - 22.30 Instructional films.

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Note: On Wed. Sat. and Sun. evenings a normal cinema programme was run.

6. Signals training

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the course could hardly be described as such and might be more correctly described as a conference at which it was attempted to standardise the training in the various units.

7. Subjects dealt with included:-

Line-laying (each individual's task being dealt with).

Construction of trenches for cable laying.

Transfers of lines.

Construction and preparation of exchanges.

Construction of signals dug-outs.

and special subjects were:-

Laying of field trunk wires (FFK = Feldfernkabel) in overhead and surface construction.

Construction of permanent field-telephone lines (FDL = Felddauerlinien) to extend the existing Post net-work.

8. Lectures were given on the following equipment:-

Field Telephone Set (Model FF 33)

10 line Manual Exchange

Portable Switchboard

Adaptors field to PO lines (Model 33)

Field manual exchange (Model 16)

Field Telephone set (U.S. Model believed 3C)

9. Lectures were also given on the band-type of field teleprinter. (a Siemens & Halske model used by the Wehrmacht). It was explained that this teleprinter could be coupled to the 100 watt Sender and the message passed and received automatically over the ether.

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10. The only really new equipment mentioned was a multi-channel device known as "T.F.C.2" (Trägerfrequenzgerät). It was explained that this device working on a high frequency, enables two or more conversations to be carried on the one line without the possibility of interception. The device is produced by R.F.T. and the mark "T.F.C.1" is already in use by the Post Authorities who allow up to 8 conversations on the one line.

the T.F.C.2 can only add one additional conversation on the line and is not like the T.F.C.1 which can cope with two or more conversations.

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11. The only signals set dealt with during the course was the field R/T set 'FRIEDRICH'. Different methods of W/T nets were discussed. Pupils were told that for W/T stations the Red Army preferred round and narrower dug-outs than the Wehrmacht had used.

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12. No codes were dealt with on the course except the simplest type of substitution code ("Tarntafel").

Note: Coding in units is at present the sole responsibility of the coding officer who is 3rd deputy of the Stabschef.

13. During the first course there was a signals exercise lasting two days, and on the second course there was one exercise lasting half a day and one night, but another of 3 days' duration was planned. These exercises were held so that 50% of the pupils could attend any one of them.

14. These exercises were carried out at regimental level, i.e. assuming that the 2 S/Abt was providing communications from regiment to battalion H.Q.'s and the signals troops attached to the battalions providing communications from battalion to company H.Q.'s.

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15. The 2 S/Abt had to establish communications with the three infantry battalions in the regiment as well as with the next neighbouring regiment on the right. The regiment was linked up to the next higher formation by their net-work, was linked up to the next neighbouring regiment on the left by their net-work, and with its own artillery component on the artillery net-work.

16. It was assumed that the regimental signals would man one or possibly two telephone exchanges each with anything up to 5 construction teams. The W/T control station was assumed to be controlling up to 3 out-stations.

Note: Each telephone construction squad and W/T station had a strength of 4 all ranks.

17. It was assumed that the signals troop attached to each Kdo was controlling up to three telephone construction squads and W/T out-stations. The W/T links would only be allotted to the vital companies including the heavy support company.

18. Using this pattern, tactical exercises including approach march, advance, occupying a position, change of position, attack and various type of defence were carried out.

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d) Reported transfer of ZVL (Main Supply Depot) from
BERLIN to NIEDERLEHME

1. Location

KÖNIGS-WUSTERHAUSEN
WERNSDORF

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Buildings (rather concealed by nature)
located in area

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2. Z.V.L. move

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in the month of June 51 the stores from the
Main Supply Depot in BERLIN were transferred to the above-quoted location.

3. the reason for the move was that the new
location is extremely handy for the Autobahn.

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A. Partial Breakdown of Abteilung "K". - V.P.P. BERLIN
Neue Kbnigsstr. 39-56

a) DIENSTBACH Inspekteur Leiter Abt. K. with V.P.P. BERLIN
since Nov. 1950. 50X1-HUM

b) MISCHNICK Kommandeur Deputy Leiter Abt. K. with V.P.P.
BERLIN since June 1950. 50X1-HUM

EINSATZGRUPPE, Abt. K

c) PEGELAU (Otto) O/Rat Leiter der Einsatzgruppe of Abt. K.
with V.P.P. BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

d) MARX Meister Case worker with Einsatzgruppe with
Abt. K. V.P.P. BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

e) LIEBERHENSCHER Meister Case worker with Einsatzgruppe
Abt. K. V.P.P. BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

f) KENNIOKEN (Frau) Meister Case worker with Einsatzgruppe Abt.K
with V.P.P. BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

g) SCHALLER (Gerhard) " Case worker with Einsatzgruppe Abt K.
V.P.P. BERLIN since 1 March 1951. 50X1-HUM

h) MATERN O/Wm Case worker with Einsatzgruppe with
Abt. K. V.P.P. BERLIN since 1 Apr. 51. 50X1-HUM

DEZERNAT A

i) EGGERT Kommandeur Leiter Dezernat A with Abt. K.
V.P.P. BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

DEZERNAT C

j) HENSCHER Kommandeur Leiter Dezernat C. with Abt. K. of
V.P.P. BERLIN. 50X1-HUM

DEZERNAT E

k) BRANDT O/Rat Leiter Dezernat E with Abt. K of
V.P.P. BERLIN since June 1950. 50X1-HUM

l) (Dr. Chen.) Rat Deputy Leiter Dezernat E. and head
VOLLMER of Abt. K. laboratory in V.P.P.
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DEZERNAT F

m) HEINZE

Rat

Leiter Dezernat F with Abt. K. V.P.P.
BERLIN. [REDACTED]

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PERSONAL ABT

n) RAU

Kommandeur

Leiter Personal Abt. of Abt K. V.P.P.
BERLIN since August 1950. [REDACTED]

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o) STUPPERT

O/Rat

Officer i/c files of all Abt. K.
personnel in Eastern BERLIN.
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Subject:- Grepo Kommando in NOSTORF (M54/S93)
Land MECKLENBURG

The Grepo Kommando in NOSTORF is billeted in [redacted] the centre of the village.

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The strength of the Kdo. is 2 officers and 36 men. Three trained dogs are held by the Kdo.

Their arms consist of .08 pistols and ex-German Army rifles.

The leading personalities of the Kdo. are:-

Kommandoleiter - Hauptwachtmeister SCHIGOLOSCHINSKI

P.K. Leiter - " " " GRUN

The duty of the Kdo. consists of the patrolling of the frontier area between NOSTORF [redacted] and ZWIEDORF [redacted]

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[redacted] each V.P. Wachtmeister of Kdo. NOSTORF has to undergo a four weeks course at the Grenzbereitschaft H.P. in WITTENBURG [redacted] The courses [redacted] are due to start on 6th June, 1951.

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a) VED (Bereitschaft) ERFURT, 2425

- mainly communications, and Russian
and M.S.S. Liaison officers.

1. Unit communications

Apart from the courier service the unit has the following means of communication:-

Telephones

One direct ('O B') line to the Signals H.Q. at ERFURT, Petersburg.

Note: Code words in use for this month are:-

Own unit		'STEIGER'
Signals H.Q.		'ESEE'
H.V.A.		'JUCEND'
World Youth Festival		'FRIEDEN'.

Two normal lines (ERFURT 7037 and 7038).

Note: These lines are changed every 3 months.

Teleprinters

One teleprinter linked to the Signals H.Q. at ERFURT, Petersburg.

Wireless

[redacted] a wireless station is kept prepared but has not
as yet been used. [redacted]

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2. Security

Units are referred to by their code-names, as are also the various departments/officials within the units. There is only one coding officer in the unit.

3. Russian Advisers

[redacted] two attached to the unit, but
apart from their names [redacted] little detail. They are -

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Insp. CORPOTKA and

Insp. SHACHOTKIN

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13. Personalities

a) SMOLORZ rank Insp; status Bereitschaftsleiter;

b) SCHÄFFER, Walter rank Kdr; status PK Leiter;

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- c) HOEDT Hellmuth (?) Rank Rat; status, Training officer; [redacted]
[redacted]
- d) SOMMER, Gunter rank Kdr; status Stabschef; [redacted]
[redacted]
- e) PETER, Erwin rank O/Rat; status Technical officer;
[redacted]
- f) LEY, Willi rank O/Komm; status Signals officer;
[redacted]
- g) MORCHEN rank Komm; status Coding officer; [redacted]
[redacted]
- h) FÜHRMANN rank O/Komm; status Leiter, 2 S/Abt.
- i) HENNEBERG rank Komm; status Leiter, 7 S/Abt.
- [redacted]

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(a) V.P.D. (Bereitschaft) LOBAU - 15561. Description

V.P.D. 1556.

2. Post Box Number

LOBAU 135.

3. Location

Garages here just been repaired and about 10 AFV's could now be accommodated there. A small bore rifle range has also been completed at the location.

4. Strength and Organisation

[redacted] the strength as being around the 1500 mark of which about 200 to 300 are new recruits.

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6. Heavy equipment

[redacted] there were:

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- 1 Tank (Russian T. 34)
- 1 Recon car (unidentified)
- 2 Artillery pieces (Russian, 7.62 cm)
- 1 Light Inf Gun (unserviceable)
- 6 (?) Heavy mortars (German)

[redacted] several old German artillery pieces were sent to DOBRILUCK.

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7. Other weapons (in central armoury)

- 6 (?) Medium Mortars (German)
- 4 (?) H.M.G.'s (German 08/Maxin)
- 5 (?) H.M.G.'s (German, possibly only LMG's)
- 5 (?) L.M.G.'s (German).

Machine carbines (ERMA)

- do - (MP 44)

- do - (MP 42)

Rifles (98 K)

-do- (98)

250 { Pistols (08)

-do- (38)

150/200 -do- (Belgium FN)

About 16 Machine Carbines (Russian)

" 16 Rifles (Russian).

Note: [redacted] most of the German weapons are in pretty poor condition. [redacted] there has been no training on Russian small arms this year.

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8. Unit Armoury

[redacted] the strength of 1 : 12 is what [redacted] the actual establishment is. (The establishment rank for the 1/c armoury is Rat). In this unit none of those employed in the armoury has ever served in a similar capacity with the Wehrmacht but all of them came from metal trades.

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9. This armoury is at present responsible for repairs only on German small arms.

10. Armoury holds the following equipment:

- 2. Turning lathes (2m bed)
- 1. Mechanics lathe
- 1. Planing machine
- 1. Milling machine
- 1. Cold saw
- 1. Drilling machine, vertical
- 1. Circular saw
- 1. Electrical field forge
- 12 small sets of armourers' tools
- 8 large " " " " "

The unit possesses a burnisher but it is not in use. The unit possesses no equipment for examining gun barrels and is short of spares for the existing machines.

11. There is a small bore range at the unit location but the actual range is a few Km away. All the German small arms with the exception of RMA machine carbines and the pistols have been sighted but the policemen themselves have had no actual firing practice.

12. Special notes on current courses at DOERILUGK

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[redacted] two types of courses are being run there at present, a 3 months one for armourers and a 12 months course for weapon technicians. (The technicians course began on January or February 5).

13. Morale

[redacted] the morale is poor to bad. [redacted] about 60% have completely lost interest in the V.P. and only live "from one pay day to the next". The main reason for this is the false promises that were made when these people joined the V.P. and when this is coupled with the severe restrictions on their personal freedom then it is little wonder that the policemen think as they do. A secondary reason is the fact that the officers in many cases have a poorer military training and experience than the men they are commanding. Another important reason is that the policemen are kept 'employed' from reveille to lights out.

14. General

When they have evening passes the policemen appear now to 'disappear' among the surrounding villages and only few are seen in the popular cafes in LOBAU which are:

Oberlausitzerhof, Görlitzerstrasse.
Görlitzerhof, Görlitzerstrasse.

A number travel to GÖRLITZ despite the fact that it is out of bounds.

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15. Russian Advisers and M.S.S. Liaison officers

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[redacted] seen three Russian Advisers at the unit location but [redacted] not seen them in the last four months. One was a Kdr and the other two O/Rate. One of the O/Rate CHUKOV was understood to be responsible for the Artillery.

16. Personalities

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- (a) BERTOW rank - Kdr; status - Bereitschaftsleiter; [redacted]
- (b) ORZESCHOWSKI rank - O/Rat; status - PK Leiter; [redacted]
- (c) BAUER rank - Kdr; status - Training officer; [redacted]
- (d) von WITZLEBEN who was Kdr. and Training officer left the unit for the HVA in May 1951.
- (e) SCHOLZ rank - O/Rat; status - Stabschef.
- (f) OXENKNECHT rank - O/Rat; status - 1st deputy Stabschef and Youth Secretary.
- (g) VILUV rank - Rat; status -- Technical officer; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (h) UHLIG rank - Komm; status - Party Secretary; [redacted]
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- (i) REIMANN rank - Rat; status - Leiter I Kdo; [redacted]
- (j) DORFEL rank - Rat; status - Leiter II Kdo. [redacted]
- (k) FRANGE rank - Rat; status - Leiter III Kdo; [redacted]

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9. Special note on TREPTOW location

The H.V.A. Wachtkommando (about 35 of its personnel seen) is also accommodated at the TREPTOW location.

(b) Former 10 V.P.B. AFOLD10. Tests

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the tests were only oral and practical. There were normally three questions in each subject.

Political Indoctrination

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three questions about the history of the Russian Communist Party.

Arms Instruction

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explain practice aiming with the carbine, tommy gun, and machine gun.

Drill

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command a squad doing stationary drill, drill on the move, and falling-in drill.

NOTE: A number of the pupils had to surmount an obstacle course during this part of the test.

Map reading

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set a map, make a rough terrain sketch, and explain how to find North by natural aids.

Discipline Code

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name the General Inspekteur of the V.P., explain the Guard Orders, explain failure of duty on guard.

P.T.

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do exercises on apparatus.

11. Promotions

4 pupils were promoted to Meister and all the others to either H/Wm or O/Wm. The only people who remained Wm after the November 1950 promotions were permanent staff.

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Date: 12 Jan '51

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(a) V.P.S. BERLIN (formation of)1. Designation

Leave documents bear the rubber stamp impression:-

"V.P. Schule"
BERLIN
(2) "

2. Post-box number

"BERLIN-TREPTOW 7" and the No. 2 Kompanie had the suffix 'F'.

3. Type of unit

This school is a P.K. (Polit Kultur) one and [redacted] the instructors and permanent staff are the same ones as served with the former P.K. school (V.P.S. TORGAN).

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4. Strength and pupils

[redacted] strength as around the 1,000 mark but has no idea of the target strength.

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5. The pupils range in rank from Anwärter (about 100 and understood to be new recruits) to Leister with a larger percentage of H/MA than any of the other ranks. [redacted] the N.S.O. pupils have come from all the former Bereitschaften. (Asked whether any came from the former Schools he thought none had).

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6. Organisation

There would appear to be six Kompanien at present but [redacted] it was to be increased to 8 Kompanien. As the pupils had not been detailed into Gruppen he was unable to give more detailed information.

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7. Training

Training was expected to begin on 2 January 1951 and considering the fact that pupils had to sign a 'request' to attend the school for one year, Informant considers that that is the expected length of the course.

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8. Personalities

[redacted] almost all of the staff had come from the former V.P.S. TORGAN [redacted]

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Date 12 Jan '51

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12. Postings out

Apart from the officers who were posted individually, almost all the unit (estimate is about 700) was posted to GROSSMILIN. Only exceptions appear to have been about 30 men to NAUMBURG and the 24 who were sent to the P.F. school at BERLIN. Only the permanent staff were at the location after the 20 December 1950.

13. Personalities

- (a) WALTER who was O/Rat and Bereitschaftsleiter is understood to have been posted to GOTHM or BERGHEIM.
- (b) GRUNDEL who was Rat and P.K. Leiter is understood to have been posted to GERA.
- (c) PETER who was Rat and Ausbildungsleiter is understood to have gone on course to RUSSIA.
- (d) BLANKENSTEIN who was O/Komm and Kommandoleiter (IKKdo) is understood to have gone on course to RUSSIA.

NOTE: The Ausbildungsleiter of Kommando No. I (can't remember name) has also gone on course to RUSSIA.

Special NOTE on M.T. School

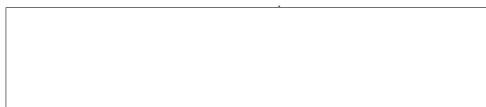
The M.T. School which was located in APOLA has been transferred to another location which is not known to Informant.

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PART "B"

Subject: IV Volkspolizei Bereitschaft, QUEDLINBURG



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SECRET1. Location

The Bereitschaft was accommodated in the barracks on the former airfield South of QUEDLINBURG.

2. Personalities

A Russian officer named GORKI was attached to the Bereitschaft in the role of liaison officer. GORKI normally wore the uniform of a VP Oberrat. In the general promotions promulgated on 1 November, 1950, he was promoted to the rank of Kommandeur.

Leiter of the Bereitschaft.....VP Oberrat HUEPFL, fnu.
 Deputy Leiter and FK.....VP Rat KITTELMANN, fnu.
 Asst. Deputy Leiter.....VP Oberrat LAUENROTH, fnu.
 Stabschef.....VP Oberrat HOELTKE, fnu.
 Intendant.....VP Rat BECKER, fnu.
 SED Sekretar.....VP Oberkommissar FUNKE, fnu.
 FDJ Sekretar.....VP Kommissar MOLLITZSCH, fnu.
 Einsatzleiter.....VP Oberkommissar TRANTSCHEL, fnu.
 Waffenkammer and Waffenmeister.....VP Kommissar MINCH, fnu.
 Leiter 1 Kommando.....VP Rat WOITZECK, fnu.
 Leiter 2 Kommando.....VP Rat FEIERABEND, fnu.
 Leiter 3 Kommando.....VP Rat ITZENIEL, fnu.
 FK 1 Kommando.....VP Oberkommissar APPELT, fnu.
 FK 2 Kommando.....VP Rat BOESTEL, fnu.
 FK 3 Kommando.....VP Rat REISIG, fnu.
 Einsatzleiter 2 Kommando.....VP Oberkommissar DICK, fnu.
 Einsatzleiter 3 Kommando.....VP Oberkommissar BEIRICH, fnu.

3. Formation and Strength

The Bereitschaft was organized into three Kommandos, one Sender Kommando and one Signal Abteilung.

The total strength of the Bereitschaft was estimated by informant to be about 900 - 1000 men.

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SECRET4. Training

Members of the Bereitschaft were trained in the following weapons:

Rifles 98K	}	German origin
Pistols 08 and 38		
Machine pistols 38 and 44		
Assault Guns		
Light machine guns 34	}	Russian origin
Machine pistols (72 rounds)		

The 4 Abteilung of the Bereitschaft was additionally trained on the Russian machine gun "Maxim" 08.

The Sonderkommando received special training on light, medium and heavy mortars. Informant was unable to supply any details of calibre, etc.

5. Signals

The Signals Abteilung was specially trained in KOCHSTEDT. [REDACTED]

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6. Lessons in the Russian Language

Four hours a week were devoted to instruction in the Russian language.

7. Daily Programme

The daily programme was as under:-

0600	Reveille, sports and breakfast.
0715 - 0730	Morning roll call
0730 - 0800	Newspaper reading and discussions
0800 - 1200	Tactics, political instruction or basic weapon training.
1200 - 1400	Midday meal
1400 - 1700	Tactics, political instruction or basic weapon training.
1800 - 2000	Compulsory study.

8. Equipment(a) Weapons

The following weapons were on Unit holding:

Rifles 98K.....	About 70 - 80 in each Kommando
Machine pistols 44.....	About 30 in each Kommando
Machine Pistols 38.....	About 20 in each Kommando
Light Machine Guns 34.....	4 in each Kommando
Assault guns.....	About 30 in each Kommando
Machine Guns "Maxim".....	About 3 in each Kommando

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[REDACTED] all weapons were in fairly good condition.

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SECRET(b) Ammunition

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[redacted] six temporary ammunition bunkers were located in the yard of the barracks which were under strict guard. The bunkers apparently contained ammunition for rifles, pistols and machine pistols [redacted]

(c) Engineering Equipment

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Engineers equipment consisted solely of three old pontoons which were in course of being repaired by members of the Bereitschaft.

[redacted] no actual engineering training had taken place within the Bereitschaft.

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(d) Vehicles

The Bereitschaft had the following vehicles at its disposal:

- 2 "SISS" lorries (new)
- 1 Russian type lorry.
- 4 Private cars (old)
- 3 "JAVA" motor cycles.

(e) New Uniforms

Each member of the Bereitschaft had been issued with two khaki shirts and 2 khaki ties as portion of the new uniform.

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[redacted]

9. Final Examinations

The final examinations lasted fourteen days and were completed on 14 October, 1950. All who had received average gradings were promoted to Ober and Hauptwachmeister. All candidates who had received "Very Good" classification in the political examination were promoted to Meister.

10. Recruiting

After the final examinations the members of the Bereitschaft received three days "special leave" with the instruction that each member should recruit three new members. The service would begin on 1 January, 1951 and the place of training would be left to the choice of the new recruits.

11. Service in the Seepolizei

In the middle of October, 1950, 20 - 30 members of the Bereitschaft who had formerly been in the German Navy were posted to the Seepolizei in ROSTOCK (M55/081).

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12. New Bereitschaften

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three new Bereitschaften are to be set up in MAGDEBURG. These
Bereitschaften will be accommodated in the following places:-

- (a) Former artillery barracks, MAGDEBURG, Deimsstrasse.
- (b) Former Schrote barracks, MAGDEBURG, Erzbergerstrasse.
- (c) Former Flughafen-Sued, MAGDEBURG, Leipziger-Chaussee.

Small Cadres of these future Bereitschaften are apparently already
located in these barracks.

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2. The Nachrichtenleitstelle

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[redacted] the Nachrichtenleitstelle located formerly at KOCHSTEDT was transferred on 10th Dec. 1950 to HALLE-CLÜVER Bks. All the personalities of the Nachrichtenleitstelle went with the unit. These were:

O Kommissar MUCHAU - as unit Kommandeur
 Pol. Meister FRANZKE - as Geschäftszimmer head
 Pol. Meister VOLMER - as telephone mechanic
 HWM BLÜMKE - as teleprinter mechanic
 and HWM KUNZE - as wireless mechanic

From the telephone exchange: OWM ROST,
 OWM HAUDE,
 HWM DATHE
 OWM KAGE,
 OWM ZCECH

From the teleprinter exchange: HWM KAISER,
 HWM ALLSTEDT
 and OWM BERTRAM

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[redacted] the Nachrichtenleitstellen members were told that they would be transferred from HALLE to other police units later on. Informant was unable to supply more information about this subject.

3. The Officer's School at KOCHSTEDT

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[redacted] the training of the officer's school has not ceased and is still continuing. Only the exchange (telephone and teleprinter) which was formerly located in the building of the Nachrichtenleitstelle moved in the middle of December into the new re-built staff building opposite the main entrance gate.

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SECRETPART "B"

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Subject: Volkspolizei Bereitschaft 209/13 in DESSAU - KOCHSTEDT

1. Location

The 209/13 VP Bereitschaft was located in the former 43rd Flak Regiment Kaserne in DESSAU/KOCHSTEDT. The barracks were situated on the left-hand side of the road from DESSAU to KOCHSTEDT and about 6 km distant from the former.

2. Strength

[redacted] the Bereitschaft was about 1000 strong.

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3. Organisation

The Bereitschaft was organised in 5 Kommandos, each of which had 5 Abteilungen. Each Abteilung consisted of three groups, each of which consisted of 1 officer and 13 men.

[redacted] each Kommando had its own signal section (Nachrichten Abteilung).

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The Kommandos were further equipped as follows:

Kommando No.1.....Infantry - armed with rifles and light trench mortars.

Kommando No.2....." " " "

Kommando No.3....." " " "

Kommando No.4.....Infantry - equipped with heavy trench mortars.

Kommando No.5.....Artillery - equipped with Russian type guns.

4. Personalities

Leiter of Bereitschaft.....General-Inspekteur HOFFMANN, fnu.

Leiter of Kommando No.1.....VP Rat TEICHNISCHER, fnu.

Stabschef of Kommando No.1.....Volkspolizeikommissar ATZERROTH, fnu.

PK Leiter and Deputy Leiter

Kommando No.1.....VP Rat ?

SED Leiter of Kommando No.1.....VP Kommissar WOLF, fnu.

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Waffenunterricht.....VP Kommissar KOCH, fmu

FDJ Leiter.....VP Meister KNAUER, fmu

Leiter Abteilung 1, Kommando 1...Unknown.

" " 2, " 1...VP Kommissar KOCH, fmu.

" " 3, " 1...VP Kommissar FAERBER, fmu.

Leiter 2nd group, Abteilung 3,
Kommando No.1.....VP Wachtmeister BINDER, fmu.

Deputy Leiter 2nd group,
Abteilung 3, Kommando No.1.....VP Hauptwachtmeister Wilhelm DOELLING.

5. Russian Control

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_____ a Russian liaison officer (Kontrolloffizier) and an interpreter were attached to each Kommando. The Russian officers were attired in Volkspolizei uniform and all were of the rank of Volkspolizeioberst.

6. Training

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The present training course _____ commenced on 2 January, 1951, and was to be of nine months duration.

Training was to be carried out on 98K rifles, handgrenades 24 and light trench mortars. _____

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7. Arms

_____ the Bereitschaft, _____
armoury _____ the following:

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Pistols 08

" 7.65

" 38

Rifles 98K

Machine pistols 44 (with curved magazine containing 32 rounds).

M.G. 42.

M.G. 08/15 Maxim water-cooled type.

Handgrenades 24.

Light and heavy trench mortars.

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On the night of 4/5 January, 1951, _____ six infantry accompanying guns, calibre 12.5 cm, arrived in the Barracks. They were lodged in the garages to the right of the main entrance to the barracks and were covered with tarpaulins. No further details available.

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8. Uniforms

Members of the Bereitschaft were issued with the following articles of uniform and equipment:

- Blue Patrol jacket.
- Long blue trousers.
- Grey dungaree jacket and trousers.
- Black jack boots.
- Gym shoes
- Blue shirts
- Dark red tie.
- Blue pullover
- Blue overcoat
- Mess tin.
- Water bottle
- Eating Utensils
- Groundsheet.

9. General

The Bereitschaft training staff was drawn from BERLIN/TREPTOW and the officers school in ROSTOCK. They arrived in KOCHSTEDT in December, 1950.

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Subject: ROZ Police, 3rd VP Bereitschaft, LEIPZIG-GOHLIS
Land SACHSEN

Location:

1. The Bereitschaft is located in the former 106er. Kaserne, LEIPZIG, N.22, Georg Schumannstr. 148. These are three-storied brick buildings, built in 1911.

Strength and Formation:

2. The Bereitschaft has a total strength of about 1,200 men. It consists of an HQ Staff, with signals and MT sections, and 3 Kommandos. Each Kommando has 3 Abteilungen, and each Abteilung has 3 Gruppen, each of 15 men. The 1st Kommando is equipped with heavy artillery, the 2nd with light infantry guns, and the 3rd with A/Tk guns and mortars.

Personalities:

3. Bereitschaftsleiter ... Kommandeur NEUBERT, Herbert

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stellv. Leiter

... O.Rat VOGEL, [redacted]

P.K. Leiter

... ??? ???

Stellv. P.K.

... O. Komm. Walter GRUENERT.

SED Sekr.

... Pol.Rat Heinz KALTHOFEN.

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Ausbildungsleiter

... O.Rat WUEST

Einsatzleiter

... O.Komm. WUERZBERGER

Waffenmeister

... Hwm. Walter PLOTZKI

Nachrichten Offz.

... O.Komm. Heinz MUELLER

1st Kdo. Leiter

... O.Komm. HARTMANN

P.K.

... O.Komm. DOELLING

2nd Kdo. Leiter

... Komm. SCHUEBERT

P.K.

... Komm. WATZLAWEK

3rd Kdo Leiter

... O.Komm VOGELSANG

P.K.

... Hwm. LOMNITZ

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sheet 4CONFIDENTIALRussian Liaison Officer.

4. This officer wore the uniform of a VP Inspekteur, and was named ARCHANGELSKI.

He spoke broken German. He put in an appearance about once every two months. In 1948 he was seen in Russian uniform, with the rank of Lt.Col. (red piping on S/B's). He was always accompanied by a Russian Senior Lt., who acted as his interpreter.

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Inspecting Officers.

5. Every second or third week a VP Inspekteur and an Oberrat visited the Bereitschaft, and attended the training and lectures. No further information.

Weapons.

6. (a) Light. These were all stored in one general armoury.

- (i) Between 800 and 900 rifles (98k).
- (ii) About 150 pistols (08 and Walther)
- (iii) About 25 MP 44.
- (iv) About 2 or 3 MP 50.
- (v) Between 30 and 40 Russian MPs. (Identified from photographs as 7.62mm Machine Carbines, Models 1940 'P.P.P.' and 1943 'P.P.S.').
- (vi) 1 LMG 34.
- (vii) 1 LMG 42.

(b) Heavy. These were parked in gun sheds.

- (i) 4 x 7.5 cm infantry guns, type 18.
- (ii) 3 Russian A/Tk. guns, calibre about 7.62 cm. with muzzle brakes and iron wheels with rubber tyres.
- (iii) 1 heavy Russian Mortar, calibre about 10.7 cm., Model 38.
- (iv) 3 German 8.8 cm. A/Tk. guns.
- (v) 1 Russian heavy mortar on tracks, calibre about 22cm.

Transport.

- 7. (i) 4 used German gun towers, about 12 tons, received March 49.
- (ii) 1 Russian gun tractor, brand new, driven by German 04, received beginning 1950 from STALINOGRA.
- (iii) 10 Russian "Zis" lorries, received new in Aug. 49.
- (iv) 4 German cars (1 Opel Kadett, 3 V/W.)
- (v) 3 M/Cs, "EMW" 500 cc. received in 1949
- (vi) 4 Field Kitchens, with rubber tyres, new.

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sheet 5CONFIDENTIALEquipment.

8. The Bereitschaft was equipped with German Gas masks in August/September 1950. In addition, each man has been issued with a short spade.

Signals Equipment

9. The signals detachment had a portable radio set, which was usually transported [redacted] No details. In addition, four or five field telephones had been seen. Each Kommando had two pairs of wireless sets! ("Funklinien"). No information as to the type of instrument.

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Training.

10. Medical Orderlies. Each Kommando and each Abteilung had its own Medical Orderly, but these were part of Staff H.Q. and were commanded by an "Obersanitätsler", with the rank of Kommissar or Pol.Meister. Training was carried out by a "Sanitätsinstruktor", in this case a Pol. Meister who had studied medicine for three terms. All medical Orderlies had to attend a four weeks' course in a LEIPZIG hospital. Their assistants, of whom there was one to each Gruppe - the "Gruppen-sanitätsler" - were trained by the "Sanitätsinstruktor". Whereas the "Obersanitätsler" and the "Sanitätsinstruktor" held strictly staff jobs, the Medical Orderlies in the field were commanded by a "Bereitschaftssanitätsler".

11. Drivers. The Bereitschaft maintained its own driving school. Courses lasted for about 4 or 6 weeks, and each had between 15 and 20 pupils. Any man who volunteered could be taught to drive, and it is estimated that about 40% of the Bereitschaft have thus obtained their driving licence.

Large-scale Field Exercises.

12. From the middle of February to about 10 March 1950, the whole Bereitschaft went to the training area in JUETERBOG for combined manoeuvres with an infantry Bereitschaft from BRANDENBURG, an armoured Bereitschaft from GROSSENHAIN, and a machine gun "Abteilung" from PIRNA.

13. The Bereitschaft travelled by rail, and the first three days in JUETERBOG were devoted to erecting accommodation. This consisted of 25 portable wooden huts, each capable of holding 20 to 25 men, and former German Army hospital tents, each with a capacity of 150 men. Each Bereitschaft is believed to be equipped with these items.

14. The following artillery shoots were carried out:-

- (a) With all weapons (except for mortars, which had not been taken to JUETERBOG) at a radio-controlled T.34 tank. The range was about 800 m. and the tank was reduced to a heap of scrap.

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- (b) With 8.8 cm., 7.62 cm., and the light infantry guns at armour plating, between 4 and 5 cm. thick, at a range of about 200 m., from open fire positions.
- (c) With the 22cm. heavy mortar, from concealed positions, against a concrete target measuring about 3 x 4 m., at a range of between 600 and 800 m. with high-angle fire.
- (d) With the 8.8 cms from concealed positions, with indirect laying, at cardboard targets representing infantry concentrations. Range between 700 and 1000 m.
- (e) One night firing exercise with 8.8 cm. and the light infantry guns. No information as to type of firing.

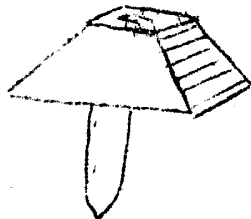
15. Firing practice was also carried out with light weapons.

16. Combined exercises with the other Bereitschaften were often carried out. Usually, the artillery had to defend a position against an attack by the tanks and infantry. On one occasion the attacking tanks fired practice ammunition to within 300 m. of the artillery positions, thus giving a very realistic battle effect. Russian-built jet aircraft also took part in these exercises. It was rumoured that they belonged to a VP Fliegerbereitschaft, but they carried Russian markings.

17. During this period, the whole Bereitschaft carried out route marches of up to 60 km.

18. The combined manoeuvres were directed by Kommandeur NEUBERT. No Russian units took part, nor were any Russian officers seen during the whole exercise, except for the Bereitschaft's own Russian liaison officer.

19. During these manoeuvres the infantry were trained on a mine for use against tanks. This was made of concrete, and was pyramid-shaped, with an opening in the top which presumably held the explosive and detonator. This mine measured about 40 x 40 cm. at the base and 25 x 25 cm. at the top. Sketch below.



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Recruiting.

20. No new recruits have been sent to the 3rd. Bereitschaft since July 1949.

Dismissals and Defections.

21. The only dismissals were in July/August 1950, when 4 married men were discharged. During 1950, it is estimated that some 60 men defected - the majority to BERLIN. Most of these took advantage of their presence in BERLIN for the Whitsun FDJ Rally.

Morale.

22. It is estimated that about 25% of the men are convinced Communists. Many of the others, especially the refugees from what is now New Poland, would welcome any chance to leave the ROZ, and pay little attention to the propaganda that is disseminated.

Summer Camp.

23. In summer 1950, each Kommando went in turn for a month to GOEHREN, on the island of RUEGEN. They took with them the Bereitschaft's large tents as accommodation, and had no duties at all to perform during the whole period of their stay. A similar camp, in which were 600 female VP, was at BINZ, 6 km. away from GOEHREN.

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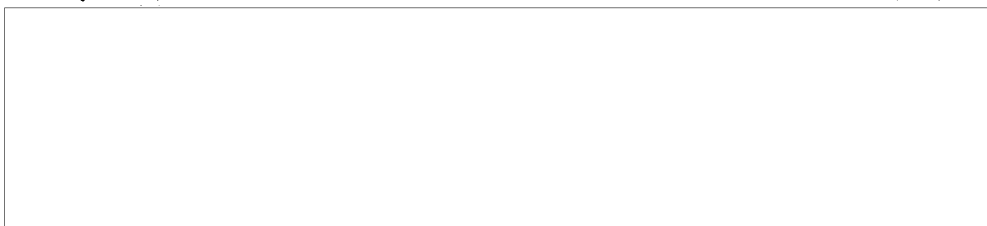
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Land THURINGEN.

Interrogator's note:

As the 5th Bereitschaft has now been disbanded, information on it is only reported here in brief, except for such details as may still be of value.

Location.

1. The 5th Bereitschaft was located in the three main buildings on the Petersburg. All these buildings have now been taken over as a VP Officer's School.



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Pol.Rat SCHIFFLER (replaced Pol.Rat KUHLE in June 1950. Has now been posted to BRANDENBURG.)

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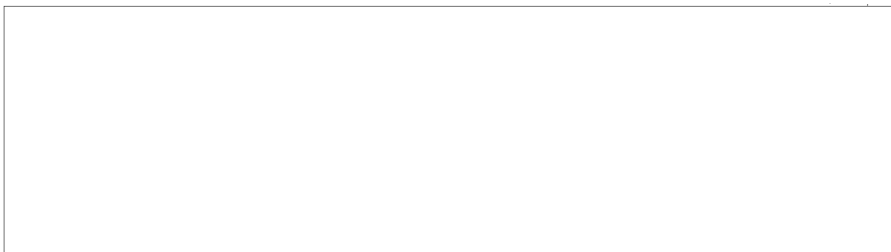
C/Komm. HERMANN (Posted to HALLE ?).

Ausbildungsleiter

Pol.Rat ROSSBACH (replaced Pol.Rat BECKER, who was dismissed.)

Einsatzleiter

Pol.Rat GERBIG (Posted to 1st Bereitschaft ERFURT.)



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<u>1st Kdo. Ltr</u>	Komm.	KUTTLER (replaced O/Komm. KAMINSKY, dismissed in September 1950.)
PK	Komm.	KONTNY (replaced Komm. KELLNER, dismissed November 1950.)
Ausbildungsltr. Komm. ULRICH (dismissed December 1950.)		
" 1st Abt.ltr.	Komm.	MERSIOWSKI (to 1st B'schaft - ERFURT.)
2nd "	Komm.	KANTREITER (" " " ")
3rd "	Komm.	ROESSLER (" " " ")
4th "	Komm.	BRAEUTIGAM (dismissed)
<u>2nd. Kdo. Ltr.</u>	O/Komm.	WEINHOLD
PK	O/Komm.	KRUEGER
Abt.ltr.	Komm.	Max DIETZE (posted to 1st B'schaft, ERFURT (?))
"	Komm.	RUCKRUH (dismissed December 1950)
"	Komm.	JAECKEL
<u>3rd. Kdo. Ltr</u>	O/Komm.	SCHMIDT (posted to QUEDLINBURG).
Stellv.Ltr	Pol.Rat	LEWICKI (posted to 1st.B'schaft, ERFURT, believed now dismissed.)
PK	O/Komm.	Manfred ANEROOTH (to 1st B'schaft, ERFURT)
1st Abt.ltr.	Komm	??
2nd. "	Komm.	SEIFERT (posted to QUEDLINBURG, replaced Komm. WEINGARTEN, dismissed Autumn 1950.)
3rd. "	Komm.	Guenther FIEGEL (posted to 1st B'schaft, ERFURT)
4th. "	Komm.	WEISS (posted to QUEDLINBURG.)

Russian Liaison Officer.

4. The Russian Liaison Officer wore the uniform of a VP Kommandeur, and was named GUMINSKI.

He spoke no German. He was often accompanied by another Russian Officer in the uniform of an Ober/Pol.Rat. They were usually accompanied by a VP Kommissar, who acted as interpreter.

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CONFIDENTIALsheet 5Weapons.

5. Apart from rifles (98k) and pistols, the only weapons seen were one German MG 08/15, one LMG 43, and an 8.5 cm. mortar. In October 1950, however, the Bereitschaft was issued with Russian MGs, machine carbines and rifles, which were locked away in the Armoury. No details of types or numbers.

Training.

6. In September 1950 the whole Bereitschaft spent 8 days under canvas in the area around BUCHENWALD, where field exercises were carried out. This was the only occasion on which training at more than Kommando level had been done. Each man in the Bereitschaft had to fire a course as follows:-

Rifle,	4	rounds lying at 100m.
"	3	" standing at 150m.
MP.	10	" lying at 100m.
MG	10	" automatic at 200m.

When a man had successfully completed this course, he did not fire again.

7. Normal field exercises were carried out on the airfield at ERFURT-BINDERSLEHEN. In this connection it is interesting to note that, in spite of rumours that were prevalent at the time, no parachute training was carried out by the VP. No training whatsoever was carried out in co-operation with Russian troops, or with other Bereitschaften.

Transport.

8. The Bereitschaft owned 4 lorries, 2 cars and 2 M/Cs.

Recreation.

9. A percentage of the men were allowed out on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The favourite resort for the men was a large inn-cum-dance-hall known as the "Kongress Saal", [] officers usually frequented the "Koschenhaschen" or the "Brunnenraum" in the neighbourhood of the railway station.

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Dismissals, Defections, etc.

10. A large number of men, including officers, were discharged in December 1950 under "Befehl 2", irrespective of their technical or political qualifications. The total figure is not known, nor is the number of defectors.

New Officers' School.

11. No definite information available. Hearsay information indicates that the schools in KOCHSTEDT, PRENZLAU and TORGAU have been disbanded, and all pupils - totalling about 500 - have been centralised in ERFURT. The School is headed by a Kommandeur.

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PART 'B'

Zucht- und Abrichteanstalt für Volkspolizei-
Diensthunde PRENTZSCH/ Elbe.

The unit was located on the former airfield in
 PRENTZSCH.

Strength of the unit approx. 30 men.

Head:	Kommissar LEUKER
Deputy and P/K	HFM MAUSURECK
Intendant	Pol. Meister SCHELLENBECK

Ausbildungsleiter for the dogs	Pol. Meister BRACHVOGEL
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[redacted] the unit owned
 approx. 80 dogs. 20 to 30 dogs were permanently there and
 used for breeding purposes while the others, after an 8
 weeks training course were taken for border services by
 Grenzpolizei members.

Most of the dogs originated from the Russian Zone
 and approx. 70 % were bred at the school. Only 30 % of
 the dogs were bought from private owners. Of these latter,
 most were of poor quality, due to the fact that the police
 was unable to pay high prices and this enabled the Russians
 to buy the best dog material for their own use. The predom-
 inant breed were the Shepherd dogs, but others were also
 used.

For breeding purposes, the following breeds were
 used:

Schäferhund (Shepherd dog)
 Airdale
 Riesenschnauzer
 Boxer
 Dobermann

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[redacted] the Boxers and the Dobermanns
 cannot be used in cold and bad weather.

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[redacted] most of the pups were reared
 at the Hundestaffel at HALLE, located in the HEIDE in the
 former Luftnachrichtenschule (Air Signal School). When the
 dogs reached the age of one year, they were transferred to
 PRETZSCH and their training was started. The normal train-
 ing lasted for 8 weeks. It was started with "obedience
 training", later "self defence" was added and the last 3
 weeks were spent in teaching the dog to track. After 8
 weeks time each dog had to undergo a police test (Pol.
 Diensthunde Prüfung). Officially the dog training course
 was subdivided into 3 sections:

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- Section 1 - "obedience training "
 " 2 - defence training (Schutzdienst)
 " 3 - tracking (Suchdienst)

Section 1

First the dog was trained to follow his leader without being leashed. Next he learnt to obey commands. Then he was trained in jumping with a one-kg load in his mouth or on his back and had to climb a 2.20 m high wooden palisade.

Section 2

The second section started with teaching the dog to patrol up to 200 metres left or right of his trainer and to return. Next it was taught to stop a suspect and by barking to give notice it had done so. The dog was taught not to bite the suspect. [] this point caused much trouble as some dogs with a disposition to bite were difficult to train. After these subjects, the dogs learned how to escort intercepted line crossers or suspicious persons. The dogs had to follow these persons without attacking them. But if they tried to escape the dog had to follow, hamper and bite them. The second section ended with the HÄNSISCHE Mutprobe (Courage trial).

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Section 3

The 3rd Section consisted of tracking instruction. It ended with 2 separate test tracks: The first was a 1800 foot "strange track (Fremdfährte) at the end of which the "suspect" was waiting.

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(ED. Note: By "strange" track [] means tracks made by a person new to dog)

The second was a 1200 foot "strange" track with one "deception" track at three different angles which had been marked one hour before the dog was set on it.

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[] on the average 40 % of the dogs tested reached the target given.

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[] two 8-week courses had been held in which 60 police members (dog leaders) had participated. [] it was intended to increase the number of participants to 90 men per course.

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The breeding of young dogs was hampered by lack of medicaments; especially vermifuges and distemper medicines. Due to this, 70 % of the puppies died. When the dogs were transferred for border services to various Grenzbereitschaften they still remained under the authority of the unit at PRETZSCH. When some of these dogs became seriously ill they were taken at once to PRETZSCH for treatment.

At the LBdVP at Halle, Land Sachsen/Anhalt there was a referat created dealing with all matters concerning the dogs. Responsible for this department was

HYM HAUNSCHILD

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In the LBDVP HALLE there was a special department in the Abteilung Grenze under

Pol. Meister GOTHE which was created to deal solely with all matters of dogs in the Grenzpolizei.

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this department had been disbanded and Pol. Meister GOTHE had returned to PRETZSCH where he had been working previously.

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it was planned to use a great number of dogs along the demarcation line by the use of lines running on a 50 to 100 m long iron strip. This had not been carried out due to the shortage of dogs and informant believes it will never be introduced.

other existing dog schools at:

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BIESENTAL - for Land BRANDENBURG
DRESDEN - for land SACHSEN
ERFURT or WEIMAR - for Land THÜRINGEN

In Mecklenburg no dog school existed.

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SUBJECT:- PARA MILITARY ORGANISATION1. LOCATION

The border police training school (GRENZSCHULBEREITSCHAFT) ASCHERSLEBEN was situated in the old artillery depot STRASSFURTERSTR. Town plan ASCHERSLEBEN 1:50,000

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3. DIRECTORS OF THE SCHOOL
POLIZEIOBERRAT MAURERSBERG

of the school.

was the director

The school was divided into 3 Sections (KOMMANDANTUREN)

KOMM 1 Chief was KOMMISSAR SATTLER 38 yrs

KOMM 2 Chief was KOMMISSAR SANDEER 33 yrs

KOMM 3 Chief was KOMMISSAR KRUEGER 24 yrs

above-named officers, [redacted] the training. POLITLEITER was Hauptwachtmeister; SCHRÖDER [redacted] He arrived from an indoctrination course in MOSCOW in 1949. SCHRÖDER is a convinced pro-Russian Communist.

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4. ARMS TRAINING

Firearms training and drill was carried out with carbines K 98 and pistol 08.

POLITOFFIZIER SCHRÖDER was in charge arms training.

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5. BORDER POLICE POST AT GOETTINGEROTHE

Border i/c of the detachment at LITSCHENRODE JOHN.

the Officer was POLIZEIMEISTER

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6. MARIENBORN

[redacted] GRENZKRIMINALPOLIZEI MARIENBORN where duties consisted mainly of checking Interzonal passes. The officer in charge of the KRIPO Detachment of 35 men, was POLIZEIMEISTER MERKEL - [redacted] and his assistant HAUPTWACHTMEISTER PETERSEN. On the PETERSEN was transferred to GARDELAGEN i/c KRIPO. The Officer i/c the frontier police at MARIENBORN was POLIZEIRAT HARTMANN, [redacted] and his deputy was OBERKOMMISSAR SAGENBAUM.

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7. GRENZPOL. BEREITSCHAFT KRIPO
HOETENSLEBEN

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[redacted] HOETENSLEBEN. duties [redacted] were normally in connection with the control of identities of border crossers. The KRIPO and SCHUPO were situated in the old KOMMANDANTUR in the GERICHTSSTRASSE. Chief of the KRIPO was KOMMISSAR LANGE [redacted] (On LANGE was reduced in rank for some unknown reason. The deputies of LANGE were KOMM J. LEGER [redacted] and HAUPTWACHTMEISTER PRIESSER - (PONTOFFICER). Attached to the Force at HOETENSLEBEN were two instructors Polizeimeister RUMPF and SCHRÖDER. Apart from the duties as instructors these two officers acted as agents and informants and kept a careful watch over the other police officers also in regards to their private lives. These secret duties were not commonly known. Another secret agent within the police ranks in this area was a Hauptwachtmeisterin PUTNOWSKI. She was usually arrested together with illegal line crossers with a view to obtaining information amongst the prisoners in the cells.

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Subject:- Dismissal of Transport Polizei and Volks Kreis Polizei
Officials at SCHWERIN (M54/T46) LAND MECKLENBURG

1. [] on 1.12.1950 approx. 25% of the total number of officials employed with the Transport Polizei at SCHWERIN received their notice of dismissal with effect from 1.1.1951. No reason for the dismissals was given at the time. 50X1-HUM

2. [] the present establishment of the Volks Kreis Polizei SCHWERIN will be cut by half in the near future. 50X1-HUM

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Subject:- Personalities of G.B. NORD STRALSUND (N55/P44)
Land MECKLENBURG

1. G.B. STRALSUND (H.Q.)

O.C. Kommandeur	SCHULTZ Paul
P.K. Ober Kommandeur	BLIEZNER (f.n.u.)
Stabschef Pol. Meister	HUMBOLD (f.n.u.)
Partei Sekretär Kom.	LEHMAN (f.n.u.)
Jugend Instrukteur Pol.Meister	JOCK (f.n.u.)
Kripo Kom.	BOBERMIN (f.n.u.)
Information Officer Pol.Rat	THIESS (M.S.B. Official)
Kasse Kom.	HETTFLEISCH
Personal Ober Kommandeur	WARKENTIN

2. K.P.P. SASSNITZ

O.C. Kommandeur	HENNING
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3. Kdtr. BERGEN

O.C. Pol. Rat.	RUCKERT
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4. Kdo. SASSNITZ

O.C. Pol. Meister SCHLABACH

P.K. Pol Meister WABBEEL

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Subject:- G.B. NORD STRALSUND (N55/P44)
Land MECKLENBURG

1. Grepo NORD

a) The Grepo NORD is divided into 3 Grepo Bereitschaften:-

1. GREIFSWALD
2. STRALSUND
3. BAD DOBERAN

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b) G.B. GREIFSWUND

This G.B. is divided into 3 Kdtrs:-

GREIFSWALD {
 ZINNOWITZ {
 UECKERMUENDE {

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Kdtr. GREIFSWALD is divided into 3 Kdos:-

LUBMIN
 LADEBOW
 STOLLRODE

2. Personalitiesa) BEREITSCHAFT (STAB) GREIFSWALD - approx 50 men.

Chef: O/Rat. BRUNNING

P.K. Leiter O/K. KEIL

feinde Interrogator (liaison with Ru. officials - name unknown)

Stabschef Pol.Rat GERLACH

Personal Chef Kom. STRACK

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Leiter Grenz Kriminal Stelle Kom. STUCKER
(works directly to SCHMERIN)

b) Kdtr. GREIFSWALD - Approx 40 men.

Chef O/Kom. GOHRS

P.K. Leiter Pol. Mr. FEILIN

Stabschef Kom. SCHLUTOW

Leiter Grenz Kriminal Stelle Kom. ROHLOF (works directly to
Kom. STUCKER.)

Personal Chef O/W Mr. HIEKE

3. Each Kdo. of Kdtr. GREIFSWALD consists of approx. 30 men.

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Subject:- V.P. Direktion I, ROSTOCK (M55/081)
Land MECLENBURG

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[] the HQ of the V.P. Direktion I was located in
the premises of the former Machine Gun Barracks at ROSTOCK, at the corner of
ULMENSTRASSE and MASSMANNSTRASSE. Chief of the HQ was V.P. Kommandeur
HUHN, P.K. was V.P. Kommandeur FORETTA.

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Subject:- Volkspolizei School in ROSTOCK, Kopernikusstr. (M55/081)
Land Mecklenburg

[] on or about 10th November, 1950, the present 50X1-HUM
 pupils of the VP Training Centre completed their course. The number of
 persons attending was [] approx. 5000 men. The 50X1-HUM
 successful pupils were promoted, Oberwachtmeister or Watchmeister. The
 length of each course was not known. 50X1-HUM

Subject:- Volkspolizei School in PRORA-RUEGEN (N55/P76)
Land MECKLENBURG

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[] a V.P. School, Infantry Unit, is located in the
 former "KdF" barracks in PRORA (N55/P76). The school is divided into two
 sections: "NORDLAGER" and "SUDLAGER". The "NORDLAGER" consists of 20 brick
 buildings and 18 wooden barracks. The construction of the wooden barracks
 started in September and was completed on the 25th November, 1950. The
 "SUDLAGER" consists of 20 brick buildings and a garage. The construction
 of the garage started in October and was completed in November, 1950.

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[] the
 V.P. School had approx. 1200 students and 152 instructors and staff. The
 students are trained in the use of pistols, rifles, machine-guns and light
 mortars.

On the 27th November, 1950 the students, with the exception of 20-30
 men, who remained in PRORA as "NACHKOMMANDO", left the school in lorries
 and proceeded in the direction of BERGEN (N55/P76). The students wore
 blue uniforms with silver shoulder boards.

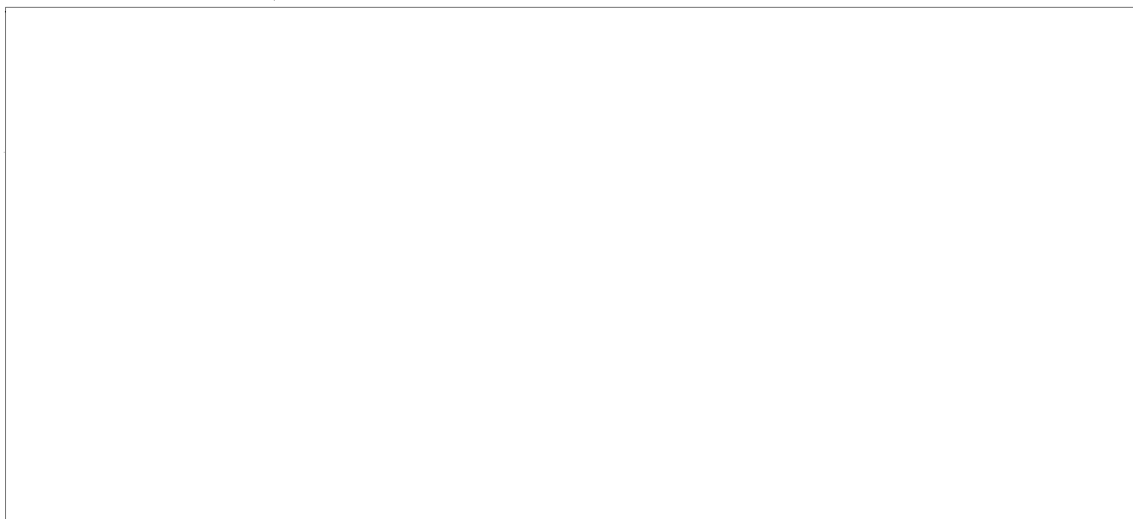
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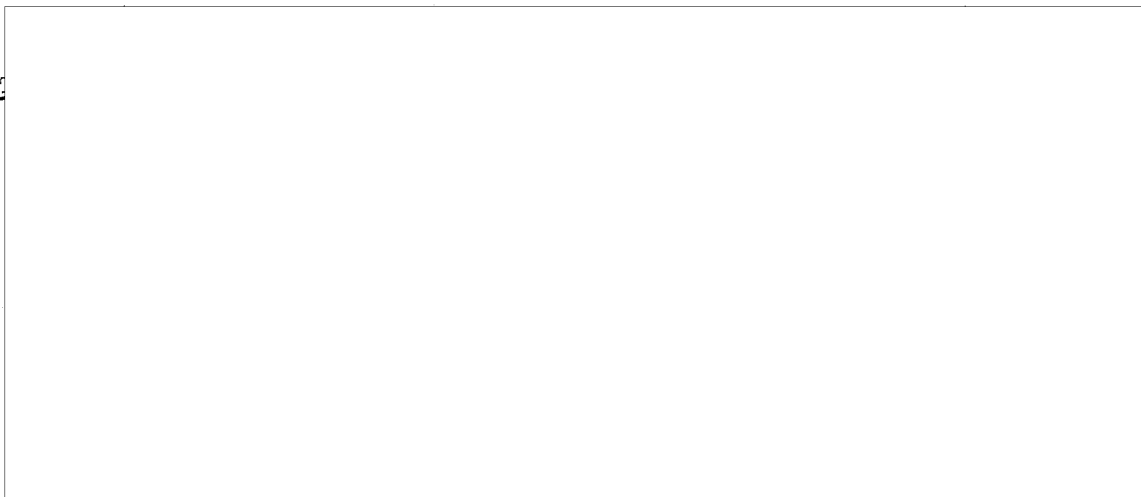


Subject:- Volkspolizei at WISMAR (M54/T49)
Land MECLENBURG

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[redacted] the offices of the Volkspolizei were located in the premises of the former Finanzamt. The officer in charge was Polizei-Rat DRIPLING. Kommissar HEINRICH was responsible for personnel matters at WISMAR as well as for the guards of the state-owned farms, Maschinen Ausleih Stationen (MAS) etc., in the WISMAR district.

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Subject:- Probable transfer of a Grepo Kdo. from TIMMENDORF/WISMAR
(K6/04105) to KIRCHDORF/WISMAR (K6/04306).
Land MECLENBURG

Refugees living in the Customs House at KIRCHDORF had to evacuate the building on 25th November, 1950.

The building is being converted into quarters for a Grepo Kdo which it is believed will be transferred from TIMMENDORF. The Grepo Kdo. at TIMMENDORF would in that event be replaced by a unit of the sea police.

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Subject:- Volkspolizei in APOLDA [redacted]
Land THUERINGEN

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[redacted] a V.P. Bereitschaft is located in the former 50X1-HUM
factory "SPINNHUETTE", situated near APOLDA [redacted] railway station,
on the main road leading to GOTHA [redacted] and WEIMAR [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted]
The Bereitschaft was 950 men strong and formed an infantry unit. The
infantry unit was split up into three "Kommando's and an M/T squad.

The equipment consisted of rifles, pistols, sub-machine guns, light
machine guns and mortars. 50X1-HUM

Subject:- V.P. Bereitschaft in APOLLENSDORF
Land SACHSEN-ANHALT

[redacted] the V.P. Bereitschaft (Infantry unit) in APOLLENSDORF
consists of approx. 1200 men.

The "Bereitschaft" is billeted in eleven buildings located 500 m. ^Wst
of the village. The men are trained in the use of small arms including
rifle, M.G., pistols and mortars.

For postal correspondence all members of the "Bereitschaft" are
strictly forbidden to disclose their rank and have to give their address
as being: Herrn (name), APOLLENSDORF/WITTENBERG, Weinbergstrasse 51 and
not V.P. Bereitschaft APOLLENSDORF.

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Subject:- V.P. stationed on airfield at PRENZLAU
Land BRANDENBURG

[redacted] there was no flying activity at the airfield (IS/Q0940); it had been given over in 1947 to the civil population who lived in the barracks within the airfield area; then, in the summer of 1949, the civilians had had to move out to make way for Volkspolizei personnel. [redacted] since that time there were usually between 1500 and 2000 V.P. quartered in the barracks, part of the personnel was changed periodically. V.P.'s did normal infantry training here and co-operated with Ru. troops located nearby in patrolling the surrounding district.

[redacted] a course had finished there in mid-November and that all those on the course had been afterwards promoted to the rank of "Kommissar". Most of those taking part were 17-18 years of age and formed only a small part of the total number of V.P. stationed on the airfield.

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Subject:- V.P. BEREITSCHAFT in POTSDAM/EICHE [redacted]
Land BRANDENBURG

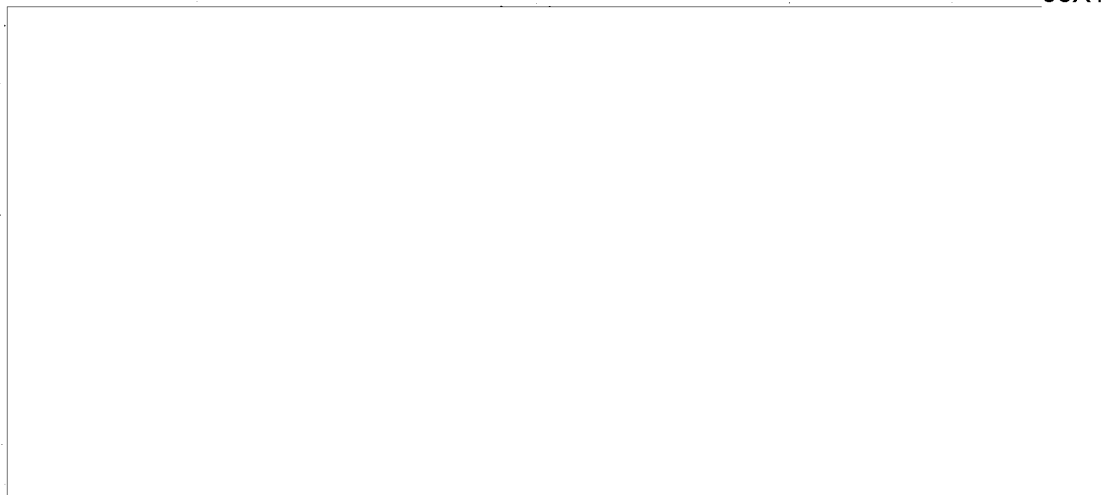
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[redacted] a V.P. Bereitschaft is located in the former "Luftwaffe-Kaserne" in POTSDAM/EICHE [redacted]. The "Bereitschaft", an Artillery unit, consists of approx. 800 men and is divided into three "Kommandos". The men are trained in the use of field, A.A. and Anti-tank guns of various calibres.

On the 26th December, 1950, 24 men of the "Bereitschaft" left for the V.P. artillery school in GIOEWEN [redacted]. Informant learnt this from 50X1-HUM a friend of his named Karl KRUGER, who is employed as assistant cook in the "Bereitschaft".

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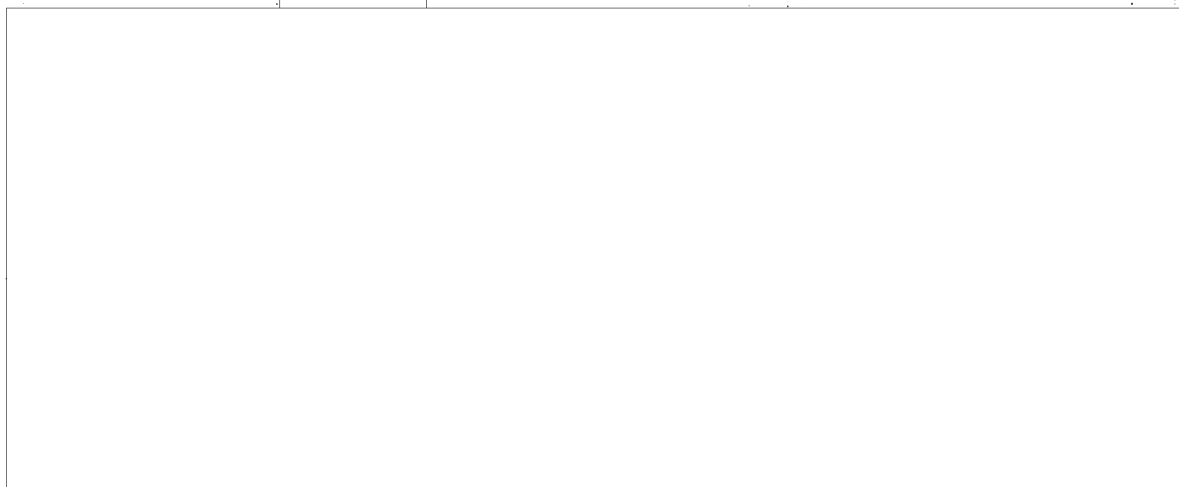
Subject:- Probable move of a V.P. Unit from PINNOW/ANGERMUENDE (M8/1004)
Land BRANDENBURG

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[redacted] that latters V.P. Unit had moved from PINNOW to an unknown location towards end of November, 1950. No details of the unit are available.

A few days after the move W/Mr. BUTTLER wrote to his wife from PRENZLAU/BRANDENBURG [redacted].

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Subject:- V.P. BEREITSCHAFT in HOHENSTUECKEN bei BRANDENBURG/HAVEL
Land BRANDENBURG

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[redacted] a V.P. Bereitschaft some 1000 men strong (Engineer unit) and a V.P. School are located in HOHENSTUECKEN, Rothenower Strasse. A second Bereitschaft, also engineer unit, 1000 men strong is located in the former "OPEL-WERK SIEDLUNG", HOHENSTUECKEN.

Students in the V.P. School are trained in the use of small arms ranging from pistol to heavy machine guns.

During the first week of November, 1950, the two "Bereitschaften" carried out training exercises with the Russian troops in the BRANDENBURG [redacted] area.

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